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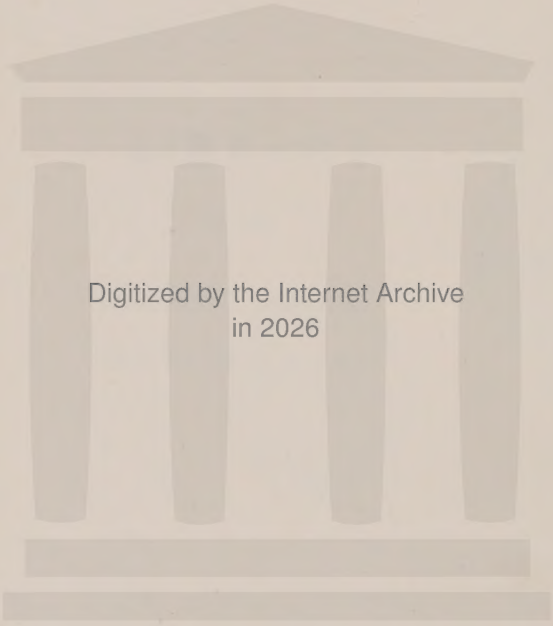
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PREFACE

This book has been prepared for use in the Presbyterian Church of South Africa at the instruction of the General Assembly of 1918, who, in answer to "the widely expressed desire for a greater degree of order, dignity and uniformity in certain special Services and Ordinances of the Church," appointed a small Committee to compile a manual for the guidance of ministers and laymen. The members of this Executive Committee felt from the outset that the draft copy should be the work of *one* of their number, aided by the suggestion and subject to the criticism of the other members. This method was adopted as tending to secure a certain unity of plan, style and arrangement; and to the Convener was entrusted the task. A draft copy was prepared, and, having been duly amended and revised, was circulated throughout the Presbyteries. It was, thereafter, submitted to the General Assembly of 1919, who authorised its publication and sanctioned its use.

It is almost needless to state that in issuing it there is no thought of superseding or discouraging the use of the Westminster Directory for Public Worship, the Scottish Book of Order, and the other standard manuals which have appeared from time to time for the guidance and help of Presbyterian ministers, at home and abroad; but these

do not always provide for the peculiar needs and obligations of our Church in South Africa. It is not claimed that this book will satisfy the desire or even win the approval of all, especially in a Church so varied and mixed in respect of ecclesiastical tradition and practice; but the aim has been to incorporate all the best elements and traditional usages of the Presbyterian Church, and, indeed, of all the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system in the matter of worship. There has been no attempt to introduce alien forms or ceremonies; the tendency has been, rather, to return to the more ancient offices and prayers of the Scottish Kirk, which furnish for us the most satisfying examples wherewith to beautify and enrich our orders and forms of Service. At the same time, a place has been found for other ancient and venerable forms of prayer, which are the common, and, in the true sense, Catholic heritage of Christendom.

It should be understood that these Services are not intended to be read or said *ipsissimis verbis*, or profess to be anything more than specimen forms, to be altered or adapted as each minister may deem proper. Even in the rubric, the permissive "may" or "will" is largely used instead of the more restrictive "shall"; and such directions as are given are only designed to enable ministers to follow a certain defined, though by no means inflexible, rule in the conduct of the Church's Services, that all things may be done decently and in order.

The composite nature of this book makes the grateful duty of acknowledgment somewhat diffi-

cult. So far as seemed necessary, permission to borrow material has been asked ; but if copyright has been infringed, or material used without acknowledgment, it is by oversight. A detailed list of sources and acknowledgments will be found in the Appendix.

The Convener is especially indebted to the Presbyterian Board of Publication, United States of America, for their most generous permission to make use of the *Book of Common Worship*. The Chairman, Dr. Louis F. Benson, communicated this action in the following terms :

> " Resolved : That the Presbyterian Board of Publication is very happy to grant to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa the use of such material from the *Book of Common Worship* as may be desired.
>
> " The Board, without laying down any conditions as to such use, would suggest a preference for having the selected material used without alteration, believing that such a measure of uniformity would be agreeable to both Churches."

Thanks are also due to the trustee of the late Rev. Dr. John Hunter, and to the Publishers (Messrs. J. M. Dent & Co.), for having kindly allowed the use of certain prayers from " Devotional Services " ; to the Rev. H. J. Wotherspoon, D.D., for the use of certain portions of his " Divine Service," and prayers from his " Kyrie Eleison " ; to the Very Rev. Professor James Cooper, D.D., D.C.L., and the Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, B.D., for

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In commending to the Church these results of imperfect but honest effort, the Convener, in the name of the Committee, expresses the hope that they will be used, under God, for the enrichment of the worship and the deepening of the devotional life of the Church, to the glory and praise of Him Who is the beginning and the end of all our worship and without Whose blessing no word or work of ours is of any avail.

E. MACMILLAN, *Convener.*
Church Service and Aids to Devotion Committee.

Pretoria, 1921.

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

With this new issue of the Ordinal, considerably over-due, the Compiler, in the name of the Church Services' Committee, would take this opportunity of expressing gratitude for the kind welcome given to the first edition. Though prepared primarily for the needs of our own Church in South Africa, it has so appealed to ministers and laymen of the Church in Scotland, in Canada and, especially, in New Zealand (where it was adopted for use by the General Assembly of 1925), that the edition was soon exhausted. The greater part of the new book remains, with minor changes, the same as before; but further additions have been made. There is an Alternative Order for the Celebration of the Communion. The address in the Baptismal Service is new, and is largely inspired by Professor P. Carnegie Simpson's masterly address on *Grace in Sacrament*, delivered at the Oxford Conference of 1918, and published in the volume *Towards Reunion*. To Dr. Simpson the Compiler makes grateful acknowledgement. There is an Order for the Licensing of Candidates for the Ministry, omitted by error from the first edition. This has been taken, with verbal changes, from the Canadian Book of Order. The Order for Receiving Ordained Evangelists explains itself. Then, there

are brief Services for the Sick, the Dying and the Recovered; and, further Prayers for a Women's Association, for Schools and Colleges, and for the Dedication of the Offering.

It is hoped that the book will continue to prove of devotional use, and fulfil the purpose for which it was intended.

E. M.

Pretoria, 1928.

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The Order of

MORNING SERVICE.

¶ *The Service may begin with a Hymn or Psalm calling to Worship.*

¶ *Then, the People standing, the Minister may read these or some other* Scripture Sentences.

O MAGNIFY the Lord with me; and let us exalt His Name together.

Seek ye the Lord and His strength; seek His face evermore.

¶ *Here let the Minister call the People to prayer.*

Let us pray.

Recollection and Approach. O LORD our God, by whose power we are sustained, and by whose mercy we are spared; we give Thee thanks, yea, more than thanks, for all Thy goodness at all times and in all places; because Thou hast shielded, rescued, helped and guided us all the days of our life, and brought us unto this hour. We pray and beseech Thee, merciful God, of Thy goodness, to grant that we may spend this day and all the time of our lives, without sin and in joyous reverence of Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bidding to Confession. O GOD, Thou knowest our foolishness.

And our sins are not hid from Thee.

Let us bow our knees to the Father of our spirits, and worship Him with perfect hearts. Let us cast from us all deceitfulness, and acknowledge faithfully our trespasses. Let our hearts lie naked and open before Him.

O Lord, search us and know us, and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Confession of Sins. MOST holy and merciful God, who hast appointed death to be the wages of sin, but who in Thy compassion didst send Thy Son to be the Saviour of the world ; we beseech Thy mercy and forgiveness, in that we have done wickedly in Thy sight. We have rejected Thy truth and broken Thy commandments ; we have despised Thy mercy and set at nought Thy counsel. In thought and deed, secretly and openly, in passion and upon deliberation, we have offended against Thee, and are not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies. Yet, O Lord, for His sake, for Thy Son's sake, have regard unto our confession and hearken unto the prayer that we make unto Thee. Create in us a clean heart, and restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation ; granting us, with the forgiveness of our sins, true repentance for the same, and grace to forsake them forthwith ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Pardon

O GOOD and gracious God, who desirest nothing but the health and salvation of them that trust in Thee; extend Thy compassion upon us and establish Thy forgiveness in our hearts; that we, being delivered from the bondage of our sins, may evermore live in Thy light and walk in Thy ways; according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may follow the* Lord's Prayer, *said by Minister and People together.*

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then likewise the Minister and People may say, responsively*:

Now bless the Lord our God:
And praise His glorious Name.
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:
For His mercy endureth for ever.

¶ *Here may be read or sung a portion of the* Psalter, *ending with*:

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read the* First Lesson *taken out of the* Old Testament. *Before the reading let the Minister say* : Hear the Word of God as it is written in such a chapter of such a book ; *and after the reading* : May God bless to us the reading of His Holy Word, and to His Name be glory and praise ; *in response to which the People may sing or say* : Amen.

¶ *Here may be sung a Psalm or Paraphrase.*

¶ *Then shall be read the* Second Lesson *taken out of the* New Testament. *Before the reading let the Minister say* : Hear again the Word of God, as it is written in such a chapter of such a book ; *and after the reading* : May God bless to us the reading of His Holy Word, and to His Name be glory and praise ; *in response to which the People may sing or say* : Amen.

¶ *Here may be sung the* Te Deum, *or other Hymn.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* Prayers *of Thanksgiving and Intercession.*

Let us pray.

O Lord, open Thou our lips ;
And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, our Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift : we yield Thee thanks and praise for all Thy mercies : for Thy goodness that hath created us ; Thy bounty that hath sustained us ; Thy care that hath protected us ; Thy patience that hath borne with us ; and Thy love that hath redeemed us. Grant unto us, with all Thy gifts, a heart to love Thee ; that we, loving Thee above all things, may grow in the knowledge of Thy goodness, truth and mercy, and in the likeness of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

Prayer of Intercession.

O GOD, the Father of all mankind, who art mindful of Thy children everywhere; reveal Thy mercy unto all men, and remember, in Thy great goodness, those for whom we now make intercession.

Remember, O Lord, Thy Church which Thou hast chosen and sanctified from of old; that by the preaching of Thy holy Evangel the number of the faithful may be daily increased, Thy kingdom advanced, and Thy Name acknowledged and worshipped throughout all the earth.

And, especially, do Thou remember that branch of Thy Church in which Thou hast joined us unto Christ. Grant, we beseech Thee, that, while reverencing the traditions of the past, we may be ready to seize the opportunities of the present for the enriching of Thy Kingdom. Bless all who serve Thee in its rule, all ministers and missionaries, elders and teachers; that they may be roused to spread abroad the pure light of Thy Gospel, both among the white and native peoples; that those who know Thee not may be made glad by Thy glory and grace; and that all who neglect Thy great salvation may be converted and brought home to Thee.

Remember, O Lord, the nation and the great commonwealth of nations to which we belong; that in righteousness and truth we may be established. Extend, for Thy mercies' sake, Thy blessing to this our land; that within this realm of divers races and confederate peoples, peace may reign and prosperity, and the blessing of the Lord which maketh rich with more than temporal good, with love of right and justice. Help us

better to understand and love those who are of a different race or colour from ourselves, remembering that we are all members of the one family. Overcome in us any want of charity, any obliquity, any manner of prejudice, by Thy more abounding goodness and loving kindness. May our agreements be greater than our differences, and may our unity in Thee sanctify all our natural diversities of opinion. Reconcile all nationalities and peoples to one another and to Thee; and grant that there may be open ways and peace and freedom from end to end of the earth.

O God, to whom all power and empire do belong, and in whose hand are the hearts of kings; bless all Christian rulers and princes, and especially Thy servant our sovereign lord, King George, that he may live long to reign over us in happiness, welfare and peace. Remember, also, with Thy favour our gracious Queen Mary; Edward, Prince of Wales, and all the members of the Royal Family; that Thy blessing may rest upon them and Thy grace be given to them.

Bless, also, we pray Thee, Thy servant the Governor-General of this our land; the Prime Minister and all who are in authority over us; that they, living in Thy fear and being guided by Thy wisdom, may do that which is well pleasing in Thy sight.

Remember, O Lord, all who are in need of Thy mercy; those who are oppressed with poverty, care or toil; those who are lonely, disappointed or perplexed; those who are worn out with sickness or sorrow; those who are wearied with the burden of life, or to whom death draws near. Be

Thou their Comforter and Friend, giving them in their need such solace as it pleaseth Thee in Thy mercy to give.

Remember us and save us, O Saviour of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious blood hast redeemed us; bless us and save us, and all who are dear to us, wherever they may be this day, whose names we remember in our hearts before Thee; (*here let there be a moment of prayer in silence*) we pray that they may be delivered from all the evils of this present world, and kept by Thy grace unto life everlasting.

And, O most loving Father, we remember with undying affection those whom death has taken, and who sleep in Jesus. Lift us into light and love, and comfort our hearts with the blessed hope, that when the day dawns and the shadows flee away, we shall meet them again in Thy presence, with exceeding joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister, having made such* Intimations *as are needful, will say:*

The Offering will now be received.

¶ *When the Offering has been placed on the Communion Table, the Minister shall dedicate it with this or the like* Prayer.

Prayer of Dedication.

WE offer our gifts and give thanks unto Thee, the Doer of good and the merciful God, the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; for Thou hast sheltered us, Thou hast succoured us, Thou hast

kept us, Thou hast redeemed us to Thyself, Thou hast spared us, Thou hast helped us, Thou hast brought us to this hour. We therefore pray Thee to keep us this day and all the days of our life, in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung a Hymn.*

¶ *Here shall follow the* Sermon, *concluding with an* Ascription *of glory.*

¶ *Then the Minister may use, if he will, one of the following* Prayers:

Closing Prayer. O GOD, who hast made us glad in the service of Thy house; may the blessing we have received pass not away from us, but abide in the sanctuary of our hearts; that we, being helped by Thee, may be able in all things to please Thy loving eyes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD God, who hast taught us to pray all together, and hast promised to hear the united voices of two or three invoking Thy Name; accept now, in Thy endless mercy, the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving; and grant unto us such requests as may be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and of the day, and heirs of Thy everlasting inheritance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience

is accused, and giving us those good things we are not worthy to ask or receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, our true and highest life, by whom, through whom, and in whom all things live, which live truly and blessedly; we humbly pray Thee so to guide and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life we may never forget Thee, but remember that we are ever walking in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Here a Hymn or Paraphrase may be sung, followed by the* Benediction.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

The Order of

EVENING SERVICE.

¶ *The Service may begin with a Hymn, Psalm or Choral Introit calling to worship.*

¶ *Then, the People standing, the Minister may say these or some other* Scripture Sentences.

BLESS ye the Lord, all ye servants of His, who by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary : and bless the Lord.

¶ *Here let the Minister call the People to prayer.*

Let us pray.

Recollection and Approach. ALMIGHTY God, the Lord of peace and Giver of rest ; grant us at eventide the light of Thy countenance, that we may both render Thee a worthy prayer and glorify Thee with the offering of praise. We thank Thee that in this day Thou hast blessed us, and given us part in Thy work on the earth ; that in Jesus Christ we have beheld the glory of Thy goodness and the beauty of Thy love, and known Thee to be the everlasting Father and Saviour of men. Let the memory of Thy kindness pass not away from us, but abide in the sanctuary of our hearts ; that our meditation of Thee may be sweet,

and that we may be glad in Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister may say one of these or the like* Prayers.

MOST pitiful and loving Father, who at all times hast shown Thy singular favour and goodness to all them that love Thee and keep Thy commandments ; look not upon the multitude of our iniquities, wherewith we have offended Thee : but have regard unto Thy promises, and remember the covenant Thou hast made with us who walk in Thy fear. And suffer us never to be despoiled of the inestimable fruit of the Redemption, purchased by the blood of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and only Saviour. *Amen.*

or this,

O GOD, Light of the hearts that see Thee, and Life of the souls that love Thee, and Strength of the thoughts that seek Thee ; from whom to be turned away is to fall, to whom to be turned is to rise, and in whom to abide is to stand fast for ever ; grant us now Thy forgiveness and blessing, as we are here assembled to offer up our confession and supplications ; and though we are unworthy to approach Thee, or to ask anything of Thee at all, vouchsafe to hear and to answer us, for the sake of our great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister and People may say, responsively:*

O magnify the Lord with me ;
And let us exalt His Name together.

O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness ;

And for his wonderful works to the children of men.

¶ *Here may be read or sung a portion of the* Psalter, *ending with :*

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost ; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be ; world without end. *Amen.*

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¶ *Here may be sung the* Hymn Magnificat, *an Anthem or other Hymn.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* Prayers *of Thanksgiving and Intercession.*

Let us pray.

Prayer of Thanksgiving. O GOD, who art of exceeding tender mercy, to Thee we send up glory in the giving of thanks. Through another day Thou hast preserved us, supplying

out of Thine abundance our wants; and once more Thou hast admitted us into Thy presence, to offer our evening prayer, to make intercessions for all men, and to glorify and declare Thy goodness.

We bless Thee for Thy wondrous love, Thy wise providence, Thy tender care, whereof we are the constant partakers. We bless Thee for the redemption of the world by Jesus Christ, our Lord; for all the means of grace, and the hope of heaven. We bless Thee for Thy promise of mercy unto Thy Church, that Thou wilt again gather and unite the scattered sheep of Thy pasture; so that they may be one flock and one Shepherd. We bless Thee for the hope that when Christ who is our life shall appear, we also shall appear with Him in glory everlasting.

Give ear unto our prayer, O God:
Hide not Thyself from our supplication.

Prayer of Intercession.

FOR the peace that is from above, and the loving kindness of our God; for the unity of the Church, and the salvation of all men; let us make our supplication to the Lord.

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Speak peace to Thy Church, and remove the differences that divide us one from another, and from Thee. Give us love, sweetest of all gifts, that we may love Thee supremely as we ought, and others as Thou lovest us.

Vouchsafe Thy blessing unto all ministers and evangelists, that with joy and assurance they may make known by word and life the grace of the

Lord Jesus, and persuade many to forsake their sin and turn to Thee.

And as for the whole Church on earth so also do we pray for that branch of it in which Thou hast joined us unto Christ, that we may evermore know Him truly, love Him entirely and serve Him faithfully.

O Lord, we beseech Thee to hear us.

For those who worship here, that they may be united in the love and following of Thy blessed Son, fruitful in good works, and at one with all who seek to do Thy will.

For the elders of the people, and all who serve Thee in any charge or office, for the singers, the teachers, the visitors of the sick, and the helpers of the poor ; that by Thy continual help they may be able to please Thee in all that Thou hast granted them to do.

For the children ; that they may remember Thee in the days of their youth, and grow up in Thy love and fear.

For the aged ; that they may obtain tenderness from us and compassion from Thee.

For those who are in distress, anxiety or temptation ; for those who are in constant pain, who never know relief ; that in difficulty Thou wilt be their Guide, in weakness their Strength, and in weariness their Rest.

For our dear ones, wherever they may be ; that Thou wilt keep them in growing honour and in love of Thee. We mention their names in our hearts before Thee ; (*here let there be a moment of prayer in silence*).

Eternal God, in whom do live the spirits of those

who depart hence; we remember, also, with quiet and grateful hearts those known and dear to us, who have found their rest in Thee. Mercifully grant that their example and memory may stir us to a better life; that when for us the night cometh when no man can work, we may be counted worthy to dwell with them, in that blessed home of everlasting light and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister, having made such* Intimations *as are needful, will say:*

The Offering will now be received.

¶ *When the Offering has been placed on the Communion Table, the Minister shall dedicate it with this or the like* Prayer.

Prayer of Dedication. ALMIGHTY God, by whose Providence both the day and the night are governed; we acknowledge Thy gracious bounty in the gifts we now offer on the altar; beseeching Thee not to leave us nor forsake us, but to bring us in peace and safety to the last evening of our earthly life, when we shall lie down to sleep, and awake to be still with Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung a Hymn.*

¶ *Here shall follow the* Sermon, *concluding with an* Ascription *of glory.*

¶ *Then may be said any or all of the following* Prayers.

Prayer for Pardon. O GOD, who art the Father of our spirits; meet with us at close of day, and in mercy remember us, who are sorry and ashamed for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Even this day we have not passed without greatly sinning against Thee, for in great unworthiness and imperfection have we worshipped Thee. Nevertheless, for Thy mercies' sake, forgive all that we have done amiss, and amend our faults. We have made known our requests unto Thee; let our sacrifice be remembered, accepted and sanctified; through the merits of Thine only Son, our Saviour. *Amen.*

Prayer for Peace. O GOD, who art Peace everlasting; send Thy peace into our hearts at the evening hour, that we may be contented with Thy mercies of this day, and confident of Thy protection for this night; and now, having forgiven others, even as Thou dost forgive us, may we have a pure comfort and a healthful rest within the shelter of our homes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAVE us, O Lord, waking, guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. *Amen.*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thine only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may follow the* Lord's Prayer, *said by Minister and People together.*

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be sung the* Nunc Dimittis, a Paraphrase *or Hymn.*

¶ *And with this* Blessing *the Minister shall send the People away:*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of GodAlmighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

FIRST ORDER OF SERVICE.

(Morning or Evening.)

FOR THE USE OF LAYMEN.

¶ *After a Hymn or Psalm has been sung, the Leader may read one or more of the following* Sentences :

Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them.

This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.

Having these promises, let us draw near to the throne of grace with true hearts, in full assurance of faith.

(Evening.)

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul ; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

Abide with us for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.

¶ *Then shall he say :*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who art our Father, we lift up our hearts to Thee, invoking Thy blessing and benediction upon our *morning* worship. Thou

hast made us one in our need of Thee, one in our desire for Thy fellowship, one in our common hope of life everlasting; and we beseech Thee now to unite us in the holy communion of prayer. Cleanse our hearts and our hands, that we may ascend to Thy holy hill, and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

We give Thee thanks, O Lord, for this day of prayer, and for this place of quiet, set amid our hurrying life, hallowed by memories of days gone by, and dedicated to the life of the soul and the service of faith. May it be to us a place of rest and joy, of light and revelation; so manifest Thyself to us that all that is best within us may be called forth to praise Thee, who art the health of our countenance and our God.

Pardon in us, we beseech Thee, all that is wayward and rebellious; all that is thankless and forgetful. Restore unto us the light of Thy presence and the comfort of Thy Spirit; granting us, with the forgiveness of our sins, true repentance for the same, and grace to forsake them forthwith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we further pray:

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(An Evening Prayer.)

ACCEPT, we beseech Thee, our evening thanksgiving, O Thou Fountain of goodness, who hast led us in safety through the length of the day. Mercifully enlighten our minds, and give us a firm and abiding trust in Thy Fatherly love and care. Silence our murmurings, quieten our fears and dispel our doubts; that rising above our anxieties and cares, we may rest on Thee, the Rock of everlasting strength.

Be present, O Lord, to these our prayers, that we may be both cleansed and protected from all evil; and grant to us such strength as may support us in all adversities, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

¶ *Then the Leader shall read a* Lesson *taken out of the* Old Testament, *saying before the reading,* Hear the Word of God as it is written in such a chapter of such a book; *and after the reading,* The Lord bless to us the reading of His Holy Word.

¶ *Here may be sung a Psalm.*

¶ *Then shall be read a* Lesson *taken out of the* New Testament, *announced and concluded as stated above.*

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn for the Young.*

¶ *Then shall follow these* Prayers, *some or all of which may be said by the Leader, the company bowing down.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth, and hast sent Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are afar off and to them that are nigh; grant that all men everywhere may seek

after Thee and find Thee. Let Thy grace be made known to all nations, Thy saving health among all peoples; that men everywhere may depart from evil and do good; that Thy Name may be glorified in the whole earth, and that Thy kingdom may come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty Father, whom we worship as the Eternal, the Everlasting, who art daily turning the shadow of death into the morning, exalting the valleys and laying low the hills, and making the crooked paths straight before Thee; have pity, we beseech Thee, on the work of Thy hands. Look mercifully upon the poor, the oppressed, and all who are heavy laden with error, labour or sorrow. Increase in our hearts a true compassion for those who suffer; that in all our deeds and words we may seek the unity and redemption of mankind, and advance Thy kingdom of righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, Thy holy Church throughout the world; all who join with us in prayer and all our brethren by land and sea; or wherever they be in Thy vast kingdom, who stand in need of Thy grace and succour. Pour out upon them the riches of Thy mercy; so that they, being redeemed in soul and body, may ever praise Thy wonderful and holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And, as for the whole Church on earth, so specially do we pray for that branch of it wherein Thou hast joined us unto Christ; that in all wisdom and charity she may hold the truth, and perfectly declare the same.

O Thou, to whom all power and empire do belong

and in whose hand are the hearts of kings ; we beseech Thee for Thy servant, our sovereign lord, the King, and for all who are in authority under him, at home and abroad. May Thy Holy Spirit guide our rulers, that they may govern in Thy faith and fear, striving to put down all evil, and to encourage and support all that is good. For our soldiers and sailors do we pray ; that they, being as of old loyal and brave, may fight the good fight of faith ; for those who for our greater comfort follow dangerous callings, and who watch over our safety by night and day, that they may be protected and sustained in all hardship ; for those who are spending themselves for the good of mankind, and bearing the burdens of others, that their hearts may be encouraged, and the work of their hands established.

Shew Thy lovingkindness unto all who are in need of Thee ; who are distressed in mind or body ; who are in perplexity or in sorrow ; and bless all whom we love, wherever they may be, whose names we remember silently before Thee (*here let there be a moment of prayer in silence*).

O Lover of souls, we remember also at this time, with great thanksgiving, those who were sometime with us in the flesh, but whose dear faces are now hid from our mortal sight. We would think of them in this still hour, believing that they are thinking of us. We would cherish them in all holy thought and affection, and would assure them of our constant love, so that both they and we may be comforted, till Thou dost bring us to be with them, and with Thyself, in that kingdom of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *If an Offering would be made, it may be received here and dedicated with the following* Prayer :

O GOD, in whose sight the sacrifice of a contrite heart is of more precious worth than whole burnt-offerings ; grant that we may, with all our earthly things, yield also unto Thee the obedience of our wills, that our sacrifice may not be in vain ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may follow a Hymn, the Address (if there be any), a closing Paraphrase or Hymn, and the* Benediction.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. *Amen.*

SECOND ORDER OF SERVICE.

(Morning or Evening.)

FOR THE USE OF LAYMEN.

¶ *After a Hymn or Psalm has been sung, the Leader may read one or more of the following* Sentences :

Ask, and it shall be given unto you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth ; and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh unto you.

(Evening.)

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, to shew forth His lovingkindness in the morning, and His faithfulness every night.

Serve the Lord with gladness ; come before His presence with singing. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

¶ *Then shall he say :*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY Father, whose grace doth ever keep and whose love can never fail us, we commit our lives unto Thee in humble prayer. May we

rejoice in Thee, our chiefest joy, and in the beauty of holiness worship Thee. Make us sensible of our high privilege, when we appear in Thy courts to behold Thy face. Cleanse our lips and hands, for only in righteousness may we look upon Thee. Let the Dayspring from on high visit us, that we may adore Thee for Thy mercy, follow Thee for Thy truth, and desire Thee for Thy beauty, who art blessed for ever.

Draw nigh to us, O Lord, as we draw nigh to Thee ; and, in this quiet and sacred hour, be Thou the hope and peace of our souls. Pour forth upon us Thy mercy ; that Thou mayest forgive those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and add unto us those things which our prayer dareth not to ask.

O bless us in our need, and be mindful of us now, as we seek earnestly unto Thee. Take away all our sins, and receive us graciously ; for the love of Thine only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in whose words we further pray :

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(An Evening Prayer.)

O LORD, our Father and our Redeemer, by whose lovingkindness we live day by day, moment by moment, on whom our hopes depend,

and our trust is stayed ; make clean our lips that we may hallow Thy name in Prayer ; make pure our hearts that we may worship Thee in the beauty of holiness. Together we would ascend Thy holy hill, in the fellowship of faith, in the spirit of humility, seeking the light of Thy face.

We confess unto Thee how much and how often we have sinned. Even this day we have not passed without greatly sinning against Thee. Sincerely we repent and are sorry for the wrong we have done, trusting in Thy mercy and grace, who knowest our hearts, who seest our weakness, and who wilt deliver us from the evils that would destroy our souls.

Hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and when Thou hearest forgive ; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Redeemer, and only Saviour, in whose words we further pray :

Our Father which art in heaven, etc.

¶ *Then the Leader may read a* Lesson *taken out of the* Old Testament, *saying before the reading,* Hear the Word of God as it is written in such a chapter of such a book ; *and after the reading,* The Lord bless to us the reading of His Holy Word.

¶ *Here may be sung a Psalm.*

¶ *Then shall be read a* Lesson *taken out of the* New Testament, *announced and concluded as stated above.*

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn for the Young.*

¶ *Then shall follow these* Prayers, *some or all of which may be said by the Leader, the company bowing down.*

O THOU Almighty One, who art the one God and Father of all, who hast breathed Thine own Spirit into Thy children and made them to be

members of one family ; we bring to Thee, in our common prayer, the burdens of each who bows with us, and of all, throughout the world, who stand in need of Thy succour and grace. Give us love, above all gifts, that we may be delivered from all blindness and prejudice, and from whatever else would turn our hearts from one another and from Thee. Fill us with that most excellent grace of charity, which suffereth long and is kind, which thinketh no evil, but only good. And create in our hearts, we beseech Thee, such a sincere love of one another, that we may be children of our Father in heaven, and true followers of Christ, our Lord.

O God, the Lover of souls, hear us, as we pray for those who have a claim on us by ties of kindred, or by deeds of kindness ; for those who pray for us, and those whom we have promised to remember in our prayers. Let Thy blessing rest upon those who are a blessing to others ; upon all helpers and lovers of mankind ; upon every soul that loveth and seeketh the truth ; upon all who are of humble and holy heart.

Almighty Father, we beseech Thee to hear us, as we pray for the poor and the ignorant, the friendless and the lonely, the tempted and the unbelieving. Be merciful to those on whom Thou hast laid a cross of suffering, the sick in body, and the feeble in mind ; to those who are in any danger, necessity or tribulation ; to those who are sad by reason of the losses they have suffered ; that in their dark and cloudy day they may know the peace of God. Let thy love surround the infirm and aged ; all who are growing weary with the

journey of life, and, especially, those who are passing through the valley of death; that they may find eternal rest, and light at evening time; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, whose power is infinite, whose kingdom everlasting; be pleased to defend and exalt Thy Church in the world. Break all tyrannies which enslave the faith, and scatter all superstitions that corrupt the truth. Raise up men of wisdom and might, according to Thine own heart, to preach the Gospel of Thy dear Son. Everywhere let it prevail for the enlightenment of dark places, and the turning of wild men to the way of peace.

God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us; that Thy way may be known upon the earth, Thy saving health among the nations.

Most loving Father, we commend to Thee our dear ones, near or far away. Guard them from all danger; keep them in growing honour; and as for us, may we be worthy of their love. We mention their names, and the names of all whom we would now remember, in our hearts before Thee . . . (*here let there be a moment of prayer in silence*).

And remembering, with thanksgiving, those whom Thou hast spared to us, we forget not the dear ones whom death has taken from us, but who have found a more perfect rest in Thee; mercifully grant that their example and memory may stir us to a better life; that we may earnestly seek and daily strive after that holiness, without which neither the living nor the dead can see Thee as Thou art: through our blessed Lord and

Redeemer Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, do we ascribe all the honour and glory, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *If an Offering would be made, it may be received here, and dedicated with the following* Prayer:

O GOD, who hast made us glad in the service of Thy house, may the blessing we have received pass not away from us. Accept our sacrifice of prayer and praise, with these our gifts; and forgive the imperfection of our holy things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may follow a Hymn, the Address (if there be any), a closing Paraphrase or Hymn, and the Benediction.*

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. *Amen.*

THIRD ORDER OF SERVICE.

(Morning or Evening.)

FOR THE USE OF LAYMEN.

¶ *After a Hymn or Psalm has been sung, the Leader may read one or more of the following* Sentences :

Wherewithal shall we come before the Lord, and bow ourselves before the most high God. He hath shewed us what is good ; and what doth the Lord require of us, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God ?

God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

(Evening.)

The Eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Trust in the Lord, and do good. Rest in the Lord ; wait patiently for Him.

¶ *Then shall he say :*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who art glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth : all Thy works praise Thee in all places of Thy dominion, and Thy Son hath glorified Thee on the earth. Praise waiteth

for Thee in Zion, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed.

Hearken to the adoration of Thy people, we beseech Thee, and let the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

Most pitiful and loving Father, who ceasest not by all means and ways to draw us to love, fear and obey Thee, and to keep Thy holy commandments; behold not, O our gracious God, our vanity and unthankfulness; but have regard unto Thy promises, and look to the covenant Thou hast made with us, and with them that walk in Thy fear.

O God, the Strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace; that in the keeping of Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and in deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we further pray:

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *If it be an Evening Service this* Prayer *may be used:*

O GOD, who hast brought us again to the evening hour; hear our prayers, forgive our sins, accept our supplications, and send down on

us, Thy children, the fulness of Thy mercy and Thy compassion.

Deliver us from every evil that would assail our souls; and grant to us to pass this evening and the ensuing night, and all the days of our life, in fulness of peace, without sin and without stumbling.

Almighty God, from whom every good prayer cometh, deliver us, when we draw nigh to Thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind; that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship Thee, in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we further pray:

Our Father which art in heaven, etc.

¶ *Then the Leader shall read a* Lesson *taken out of the* Old Testament, *saying before the reading,* Hear the Word of God as it is written in such a chapter of such a book; *and after the reading,* The Lord bless to us the reading of His Holy Word.

¶ *Here may be sung a Psalm.*

¶ *Then shall be read the* Lesson *taken out of the* New Testament, *saying before the reading,* Hear again the Word of God as it is written in such a chapter of such a book; *and after the reading,* The Lord bless to us the reading of His Holy Word.

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn for the Young.*

¶ *Then shall follow these* Prayers, *some or all of which may be said by the Leader, the company bowing down.*

Let us give thanks to God.

O LORD open Thou our lips;
And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
Almighty and everlasting God, our Father, we

give Thee thanks. We thank Thee for our life, and for Thy watchful providence, and for all the blessings of our daily lot. We bless Thee for Thy holy truth and Thy constant law, but especially for the gift of Thy Son, for the grace of Thy Spirit, and for our portion in Thee, the God of all grace.

Wherefore, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving ourselves to Thee and to Thy service, and by finding in Thee the fulness of all our desires; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most pitiful Father, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and who hast taught us to make intercession for all men: hear us now in these our common supplications, and grant us our requests.

Lord, hear our prayer for the peace of the whole world, and for the unity of all men; for the conversion of the heathen and all wicked men to the way of righteousness, and for the glory of Thy kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer for every city and land and all who dwell therein; for this our land and nation, and for all our brethren at home, or beyond the sea.

Merciful God, who art the Hope of all them that put their trust in Thee; save Thy people, we beseech Thee, and bless Thine inheritance. Purify and exalt Thy Church which Thou hast purchased from of old, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and keep the faith in righteousness of life, in unity of spirit, and in the bond of peace. Bless all who serve Thee in the rule of Thy Church; in the

preaching of the Word; in the ministry of Thy praise; and in the teaching of the young; prosper all that they do for the glory of Thy Name, and for the good of the world.

O Thou from whom cometh all grace to endure the trials of life, grant help and succour to all who are perplexed in faith, afflicted in mind, or distressed in body. Be near to comfort those to whom bereavement has come, and strengthen those who are appointed to die.

We commend our dear ones to Thee, wherever they may be this day, praying that, through Thy most mighty protection, they may be preserved now and ever, in body and in soul. We make mention of their names in our hearts before Thee (*here let there be a moment of prayer in silence*).

Eternal God, the Father of our spirits, we remember also, with joy, at this time, all who have lived in faithfulness and died in holiness, especially those known and dear to our hearts. May we be followers of them, even as they followed Thee, that we, through faith and patience may also inherit the promises, and come to our eternal rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *If an Offering would be made, it may be received here, and dedicated with the following* Prayer:

ALMIGHTY God, who givest us these quiet moments of holy thought and prayer; mercifully receive our thank-offerings and supplications; and grant, we beseech Thee, that we may continually advance in the love of Thee, and be able evermore to abide in Thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may follow a Hymn, the Address* (*if there be any*), *the closing Hymn, and the* Benediction.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. *Amen.*

FOURTH ORDER OF SERVICE.

(Morning or Evening.)

FOR THE USE OF LAYMEN.

¶ *After a Hymn or Psalm has been sung, the Leader may read one or more of the following* Sentences :

O send out Thy light and Thy truth ; let them lead us ; let them bring us to Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles.

Then will we go unto the altar of God, unto God our exceeding joy.

(Evening.)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy. He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¶ *Then shall he say :*

Let us pray.

O LORD, who hast brought us through the darkness of night to the light of the morning, and who, by Thy Holy Spirit, dost illumine the darkness of ignorance and sin : we beseech Thee, of

Thy lovingkindness, to pour Thy light into our souls, that we may ever be devoted to Thee, by whose wisdom we were created, by whose mercy we were redeemed, and by whose providence we are governed.

We invoke Thy presence with us as we seek to worship Thee, that we may lay aside our worldly thoughts and plans, and fix our hearts on Thee alone ; that we, being refreshed and strengthened, purified and comforted, may love Thee more sincerely and serve Thee more devotedly ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we further pray :

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *If it be an Evening Service, this* Prayer *may be used :*

ETERNAL God, who knowest what is hid and what is manifest ; we bow our heads before Thee, and unto Thee do we submit the hardness of our hearts and flesh. Behold us, we humbly entreat Thee, from heaven Thy dwelling place ; bless us, men and women : incline Thine ear and hearken to our prayer ; stablish us with the strength of Thy right hand : protect and deliver us from evil : be a guardian both to our bodies and souls.

Sanctify us, we beseech Thee, O Lord. Cast out

from us every evil thought, every base desire, all envy and pride, all wrath and anger, all worldly ambitions, covetousness, vainglory and sloth: more especially the remembrance of injuries, and everything that is contrary to Thy holy will. And grant unto us, O Lover of men, such a love of Thee, that we serve Thee in purity and holiness all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we further pray:

Our Father which art in heaven, etc.

¶ *Then the Leader shall read a* Lesson *taken out of the* Old Testament, *saying before the reading,* Hear the Word of God as it is written in such a chapter of such a book; *and after the reading,* the Lord bless to us the reading of His Holy Word.

¶ *Here may be sung a Psalm.*

¶ *Then shall be read a* Lesson *taken out of the* New Testament, *announced and concluded as stated above.*

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn for the Young.*

¶ *Then shall follow these* Prayers, *some or all of which may be said by the Leader, the company bowing down.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, in whom we live and move and have our being; gratefully we bring unto Thee our thanksgivings for mercies unnumbered, for prayers answered and for gifts received. We bless Thee, not as we ought, but as we are able, for all Thy care and guidance, for all Thy grace and bounty, and especially for our glorious Redemption, purchased to us in Thy dearly beloved Son, Christ Jesus. Suffer us not,

O Father, by our unthankfulness to forget the inestimable benefits and most singular gifts that Thou hast bestowed on us through Him ; but grant us Thy grace, to render unto Him such love and obedience, that we may in the end enjoy the fruit of our faith, even the salvation of our souls.

O God, who hast taught us to make prayers and intercessions for all men, mercifully hear us as we pray :

For the King as supreme, and for all who are in authority ; that in simplicity and truth they may serve Thee faithfully, in the love of righteousness, and to the honour of Thy Name.

For the nation to which we belong ; that true religion and virtue may be found in our midst, and that all causes of division and discord may be removed.

For all the people of the earth ; that they, being delivered from all jealousy, envy and discontent, may labour together with one mind for one end, the freedom of the soul and the brotherhood of man.

For Thy holy Church throughout the world ; that in wisdom and charity she may hold Thy truth, and perfectly declare the same.

For all Christ-loving people, of every communion and creed ; that they may be enriched by His Spirit ; that they may be enabled to do mighty works of mercy in His Name ; that the power of faith and love may be manifested in the Christian life, and the hearts of all men everywhere may be drawn to Thy dear Son, the Light of the world.

For the poor and needy, who are held down by adversity ; for the weak who are baffled in struggle

with the strong ; that they may be delivered from the scorning of them that are at ease, and the contempt of the proud.

For our homes ; that each may be a nursery of piety and noble youth ; a shelter from care and sin.

For our children ; that in purity they may grow up in the love of all that is good and noble and fair ; that in health and happiness they may rejoice and be glad in Thee, all their days.

For the aged and the lonely, who are nearing the end of life ; that they may commit their ways to Thee ; for the sick and the sorrowful, that they may be healed and comforted ; for those who are distraught by grievous troubles and anxieties, that Thou wouldest be their refuge and help.

For all our dear ones, near to us or far away ; that they may be protected in body and in soul. We mention their names in our hearts before Thee now (*here let there be a moment of prayer in silence*).

O Lord of life and death, the Father of our spirits ; we remember also, with thanksgiving, the dear ones Thou hast taken away, and hid from our mortal sight. Grant us grace, so to follow their good example, that we with them may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *If an Offering would be made, it may be received here and dedicated with the following* Prayer :

LORD of all worlds, who art also our Father in heaven ; accept, we beseech Thee, these offerings which we Thy children make unto Thee ; and grant that the cause to which they are devoted

may prosper under Thy guidance, to the good of the world, the advancement of Thy kingdom, and the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may follow a Hymn, the Address (if there be any), the closing Hymn, and the* Benediction.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. *Amen.*

The Order for the Celebration of

THE COMMUNION

or the

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

¶ *The Session having been constituted in the Vestry the Elders shall accompany the Minister into the Church, and shall take their seats in the Chancel, or about the Communion Table.*

¶ *The Table should be covered with a cloth of linen, fair and white; and where the individual cup is used, it is proper that there should be, at least, one large cup of wine, which may be conveniently raised and administered; also, one piece of bread, sufficiently large, which the Minister may take into his hands, break and distribute.*

¶ *The Service may begin with a* Hymn, *or the Gathering* Psalm: (xliii. 3-5).

[O send Thy light forth and Thy truth.]

¶ *Then may be said the following, or such like,* Sentences:

IF we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Make us to hear joy and gladness that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Let us pray.

Recollection and Approach. ALMIGHTY God, who art rich in mercy to all that call upon Thee, and art ever nigh to the humble and contrite; shed down Thy holy Spirit, we beseech Thee, on all here assembled; that we, being cleansed and illumined by His grace, may worthily shew forth Thy praise, meekly learn Thy Word, render due thanks for Thy mercies, and obtain a gracious answer to our prayers; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sins. MOST holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess in Thy presence: our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; and all our shortcomings and offences against Thee. Thou alone knowest how often we have sinned: in wandering from Thy ways; in wasting Thy gifts; in forgetting Thy Love. But Thou, O Lord, have pity upon us; who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins; for the sake of Thy dear Son our Saviour.

And O most holy and loving Father; send Thy purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech Thee; that we may henceforth live in Thy light and walk in Thy ways; according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read the* Lesson; *and after the reading the Minister shall say:* May God bless to us this reading from His Holy Word, and to His Name be

the glory and praise ; *in response to which the People may say,* Amen.

¶ *Here may be sung a* Psalm : (xl. 1-4).
[I waited for the Lord my God.]

¶ *Then shall the Minister say* The General Intercession.

Let us pray.

General Intercession. ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the Brightness of faithful souls, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in whom is calmness and peace ; have mercy upon us. Look down from the heavenly seat of Thy majesty, and accept Thy Church approaching Thee, through Christ our Lord. Vouchsafe to us, that having our hearts sprinkled we may be accounted worthy to enter into the Holy of Holies ; and extend unto us Thy grace, that humility may be our sanctuary, and Thy salvation the joy of our souls.

Lord God Almighty, we beseech Thee to hear us :

For the peace that is from above, and the loving-kindness of our God, we make our supplication to the Lord ; for the peace of the whole world, and the unity of the Church, we make our supplication to the Lord ; for the salvation of our souls, and the succour of all Christ-loving people, we beseech Thee to hear us.

Save, O Lord, Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

Remember, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, Thy whole Church ; all who join with us in prayer : all our brethren by land and sea, or wherever they may be in Thy vast kingdom, who

stand in need of Thy grace and succour. Pour upon them the riches of Thy mercy, so that we, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, may ever praise Thy wonderful and holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Remember all who serve Thee in the rule of Thy holy Church, in the ministry of Thy Word, in the offering of Thy praise, in the care of Thy poor, and in the teaching of the young; that with joy and assurance they may guard and feed Thy flock, looking to the great Bishop and Shepherd of souls.

Remember all kings, princes and governors, and especially Thy servant, George, our King.

We implore Thy blessing upon this our country, upon its government and people. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

We pray for one another, for every Christian soul; that the differences which divide us may be removed, and we may be brought into such unity with Thee, that our lives may bear some likeness to Thine own.

Let Thy peace possess us in this holy hour.

Endear Thyself to those who hate Thee.

Chasten the affections of the proud.

Enlighten the eyes of those who are in doubt or pain, who never know relief.

Remember, in Thy great mercy, those who are in sorrow, or to whom death draws near; especially those of our own fellowship and faith (for whom our prayers are desired). Cover them in the shadow of Thy hand, and bestow on them the comfort of Thy unchanging love, until the day break and the shadows flee away.

Finally, we remember the souls of Thy servants,

all the company of the faithful, who out of this present life have departed unto Thee; especially those most dear to us (*here let there be a moment of prayer in silence*). Rejoicing in the communion of Thy saints, we bless Thee for those who being dead yet speak to us, and that their voices are still heard in the world, and felt in our hearts. Give us great joy and peace as we think of them in this quiet hour. Lift us into light and love; and give us at last our portion with those who have trusted in Thee, and striven in all things to do Thy holy will. And unto Thy Name, O Lord, with the Church on earth, and the Church in heaven, would we ascribe all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister, having made such Intimations as are needful, shall say:*

The Offering will now be received.

¶ *When the Offering has been placed on the Holy Table the Minister shall say:*

Let us pray.

Prayer of Dedication. O LORD our God, King of all the earth, who hast given us all things richly to enjoy; accept of Thine infinite goodness the offerings of Thy people, which in obedience to Thy commandment, and in honour of Thy Name, they yield and dedicate unto Thee; and grant unto us Thy blessing, that the same being devoted to Thy service may be used for Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung a* Psalm, *or* Hymn.

¶ *Here shall follow* The Sermon, *concluding with an* Ascription *of glory.*

¶ *Thereafter shall be sung the Pre-Communion* Hymn (Par. xxxv. 3-6).

[My broken body thus I give
For you, for all; take, eat, and live;]

or the Hymn [Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; *verses* 1-3].

¶ *Either before or during the singing of this Hymn, those who do not communicate may have opportunity to leave the Church; but invitation should be given to any members of other Christian communions, who may be present, to come to the Holy Table.*

¶ *Here also the vessels containing the Elements of Bread and Wine may be brought into the Church (if this has not already been done), and placed upon the Table.*

¶ *When all is silent, the Minister, standing at the Holy Table, and looking to the People, shall say:*

THE LOVE OF THE FATHER, THE GRACE OF THE SON, AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY GHOST, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits?

I will take the cup of salvation, and will call upon the Name of the Lord; I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people.

I will wash my hands in innocence: so will I compass Thine altar, O Lord.

If a man love me, saith the Lord, he will keep my words, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make our abode with him.

Lord I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come

under my roof ; but speak the word only and Thy servant shall be whole.

Brethren, let us humbly confess our sins to God, that we may hear the word of His mercy. All things are naked and open to Him : yet He accepts us in His Beloved ; yea, He bids us come with boldness. Let us therefore draw near to this holy Service in full assurance of faith, to the glory of God, and for our own comfort and nourishment.

Let us make our private confessions to God ; and let us pray that this our service may be acceptable to Him.

Let us pray.

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us, and receive our prayer.

¶ *Here let silence be kept for a little space, while each prays to God of that which is in his heart.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* Prayer for Pardon, *said by the Minister, the People still bowing down.*

Prayer for Pardon. ALMIGHTY God, who doth freely pardon all who repent and turn to Thee ; mercifully hear the confessions of Thy people, and fulfil now in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace ; remitting all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience ; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ our Lord ; and keep us evermore in the peace and joy of a holy life ; that we may love and serve Him always ; in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister may say :*

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord : or who shall stand in His holy place ?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart ; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Blessed are the poor in spirit : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn : for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek : for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness : for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful : for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Be ye therefore perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Grant us Thy Holy Spirit, O God, and enable us to obtain these blessings ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ *Then may be said* The Creed, *the People all standing.*

Nicene Creed.

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesu Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds: God of God, light of light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost, of the Virgin Mary, and was made man: and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the scriptures: and ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father. And He shall come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have none end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism, for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, the People still standing, the Minister shall say:*

DEARLY Beloved,—Having confessed our sins and made profession of our faith in Christ, let us hear the words of the institution of this holy Sacrament, as they are delivered to us by His holy Apostle: (I Cor. xi. 23-26).

I have received of the Lord that which I also delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread: and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my Body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my Blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

¶ *Here the Minister may take in his hand the plate and the cup, saying:*

AND now in His Name, I take these elements, Bread and Wine, to be set apart by prayer and thanksgiving to the holy use for which He has appointed them.

¶ *Then shall follow the* Prayers *at the Holy Table.*

THE CONSECRATION.

Let us pray.

Prayer of Humble Access.

O GOD, who by the blood of Thy dear Son hast consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest of all; cleanse our minds, we beseech Thee, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that, drawing near unto Thee with a pure heart and undefiled

conscience, we may receive these Thy gifts without sin and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer. MOST worthy art Thou, O good and gracious God, of all praise: even for Thine own Name's sake. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we give Thee thanks for Thy great glory. We thank Thee, not as we ought, but as we are able, for our glorious redemption, purchased for us by the blood of Thy dearly beloved Son Christ Jesus: through whom we have forgiveness and the remission of sins.

Thee, mighty God, and heavenly King, we magnify and praise. With angels and archangels, and all the hosts of heaven, we worship and adore Thy glorious Name, joining in the everlasting hymn of the cherubim and the seraphim, singing unto Thee: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD OF SABAOTH; HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF THY GLORY. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

Holy, Almighty, and Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose once offering up of Himself, by Himself, upon the Cross, once for all, we commemorate before Thee; we yield unto Thee most humble thanks, that, though we be not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table, Thou hast called us to partake of this most blessed Sacrament: the Bread of eternal life, and the Cup of everlasting salvation.

Be thou our Shepherd, O Lord; and feed us with Thy Word; refresh us with the comforts of Thy grace.

The Invocation.

PREVENT us with the blessings of Thy sweetness, that we may deserve to go, reverently and devoutly, to this high Sacrament, to continue a perpetual memorial of the precious death and perfect sacrifice of Thine only Son, Jesus Christ, until He come. And grant, O most loving Father, that as we take this perishable bread and wine from the Hand of Christ, we may receive from the same Hand that spiritual food by which our souls are fed. Thus may the bread which we break be to us the communion of the Body of Christ, and the cup which we bless the communion of the Blood of Christ.

Come Holy Ghost, sanctify unto us this bread and wine, that they may be to us the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ ; sanctify also our bodies and souls, that they may become worthy dwelling places for Him, who is our Redeemer and only Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear us, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Thy dearly beloved Son, in whom we are bold to call upon Thee as He hath taught us :

Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE COMMUNION.

¶ *The Bread and Wine being thus set apart by Prayer and Thanksgiving, let the Minister say :*

ACCORDING to the Institution, example, and command of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for a memorial of Him, we do this ; Who, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread ;

(*here let him take the bread in his hands*),

and when he had given thanks, He brake it,

(*here let him break the bread in view of all the people*),

and said, TAKE, EAT : THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU : THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

¶ *And the Minister shall himself receive of the bread, and shall thereafter give it to the Elders to be distributed.**

After the same manner also He took the cup,

(*here he shall raise the cup in his hands*),

saying, THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD : THIS DO YE, AS OFT AS YE DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

¶ *And the Minister shall himself partake of the cup, and shall thereafter give it to the Elders to be administered.**

¶ *After all have communicated and the Elders have returned with the Elements, the Minister may say the* Prayers *of Thanksgiving and Commemoration.*

The Thanksgiving. MOST holy and loving Father, we Thy humble servants, with one accord, desire Thee now to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving: beseeching

Thee to grant that by the merits and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ, we may obtain remission of our sins ; and, here we offer unto Thee, O Lord, our souls and bodies, to be unto Thee a holy and living sacrifice, which is our reasonable service : entreating Thy grace to be sufficient for us, that we may fulfil our vows and continue in every good purpose, doing that which is well-pleasing in Thy sight ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer of Commemoration.

O LORD of all the worlds, before whom stand the spirits of the living and the dead ; we bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants who have finished their course and kept the faith, and who are now at rest with Thee. Grant us grace to follow their good example, that we with them may finally be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Take away the veil from our hearts, and unite us in one communion with all the saints on earth, and the saints in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, we ascribe glory, in the Church, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Here the Minister may give, if such be his discretion, a brief Table address.*

¶ *Then may be sung a* Psalm *or* Hymn *of Thanksgiving* (*Psalm ciii.* 1-5).

[O Thou my soul bless God the Lord.]

¶ *And with this* Blessing *the Minister shall send the People away.*

Benedictio. THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

¶ *The* Thanksgiving Hymn *may be sung immediately after the celebration, followed by the* Address *or* Prayers.

* ¶ *The elements thus being sanctified by the Word and prayer, the Minister sacramentally breaketh the bread, taketh and eateth himself, and delivereth to the people . . . saying,* Take ye, eat ye, This is the Body of the Lord, which is broken for you: do it in remembrance of Him. *After all at the Table have taken and eaten, the Minister taketh the cup, and, drinking first himself, he giveth it to the nearest, saying,* This cup, etc.

(Knox's *Directory*, Sprott's *Introduction*, p. xl.)

Alternative Order for

THE CELEBRATION OF THE COMMUNION.

¶ *Care should be taken to have the Service preceding the celebration in keeping with the occasion. If no Action Sermon is preached, the Address should be such as will help those who intend to communicate.*

¶ *After the Pre-Communion Hymn has been sung, and the people standing, the Minister may say :*

DEARLY Beloved,—Forasmuch as we are now assembled to celebrate the Communion of the Body and Blood of our Lord, it is meet that we should search ourselves before we presume to eat of this Bread or drink of this Cup ; for, as the benefit is great, if with true penitence and active faith we receive this Sacrament, so is the danger great, if we receive the same thoughtlessly and without due sense of what we do, or what is done for us. Here, in a most wonderful manner the Grace of God is made known. In and through these sacred symbols, Christ is presented to us by things done; Who, through the Eternal Spirit, offered Himself without spot to God, and Who is now offered to us, for the purifying of our hearts and the nourishing of our souls. For, as in this Sacrament, it is Christ who speaks, Christ who blesses, Christ who breaks, Christ who gives ; so, we believe, it is His own very Word we hear, making His Presence real :

TAKE, EAT : THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU.

Let us, therefore, come humbly and thankfully, as we are invited and encouraged to do, confessing our sins, beseeching God to absolve us in the Name and for the sake of Him, who is here offered to us, for the purifying of our hearts and the nourishing of our souls.

Let us pray.

LORD, we are not worthy that Thou shouldest come under our roof : but speak the Word only and Thy servants shall be whole.

O God, most holy, we confess that we have sinned against Thee, and are not worthy to appear in Thy sight, or to come to Thy holy Table. We are ashamed and very sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Ourselves and others we have sought to please : but to Thee we have been unjust and ungrateful. We remember in Thy Presence the vows we have not kept, the gifts we have abused, the powers we have mis-spent, the love we have scorned, the purity we have soiled ; by disobedience, idleness, self-indulgence and pride.

To Thee, O God, we come : for Thee we have offended.

To Thee we come : for judgment, for cleansing.

To Thee we come : for from Thee only can we receive the pardon which we now seek to have.

We pray Thee to absolve us, that with free minds and hearts we may prepare to receive what Thou art willing to give ; in Him, who is our only Redeemer and Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this Confession may be used :*

O GOD, merciful and gracious ; we acknowledge and confess before Thee our sins ; the sins of our youth and the sins of our age : the sins of our body and the sins of our soul : our secret sins and our silent sins : our presumptuous sins and our crying sins : the sins we have done to please ourselves and the sins we have done to please others : the sins we have forgotten and the sins which we now remember, as we realize Thy Presence. . . .

¶ *Here let silence be kept for a little space, while each makes confession of that which is in his heart.*

¶ *Then the Minister may say :*

FORGIVE our sins, O Lord : forgive them all of Thy great goodness.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world : Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world : Grant us Thy peace. *Amen.*

O GOD, who by the blood of Thy dear Son hast consecrated a new and living way into the holiest of all ; grant unto us, we beseech Thee, the assurance of Thy pardoning mercy, and sanctify us by Thy Holy Spirit ; that, drawing near unto Thee with a pure heart and undefiled conscience, we may offer unto Thee a sacrifice of righteousness and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Here, if the* Creed *be not said, the Minister may read the* Beatitudes (p. 49).

¶ *Then shall the Minister say :*

HEAR, now, the words of the Institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord, as they are delivered by His holy apostle:

I have received of the Lord that which I also delivered (*vide* p. 51).

¶ *Then, the Minister taking the paten and the cup in his hands, shall say:*

AND now in His Name, I take these elements Bread and Wine to be set apart by prayer and thanksgiving to the holy use for which He has appointed them.

¶ *Here shall follow* The Consecration.

HOLY, Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Whose once offering up of Himself upon the Cross, we commemorate before Thee; we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we give Thee thanks. With all our hearts, we thank Thee that Thou didst give Thy Son for the life of the world, Who being very and eternal God, in perfect love became man, for us men and for our salvation.

Not as we ought but as we are able, we bless Thee for His holy Incarnation, for His life on earth, for His precious sufferings and Death, for His Resurrection from the dead and for His glorious Ascension to Thy right Hand.

Thee, mighty God and heavenly King, we magnify and praise. Holy and blessed is Thy glorious Name. Holy and blessed is Thine only Begotten, Jesus Christ our Lord. Holy and most holy, Thy blessed Spirit, Who searchest all things, even the deep things of Thee, O God.

Wherefore, we Thy servants, having in remembrance Thy most singular love and the glorious Redemption purchased for us by Thy dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, beseech Thee to look upon us and upon these Thine own gifts of Bread and Wine, which we set before Thee : and to send Thy Holy Spirit, that the Bread which we break may be to us the Communion of the Body of Christ, and the Cup which we bless, the Communion of the Blood of Christ ; that we, receiving the same in thankful remembrance of His Death and Passion, may be partakers of Jesus Christ, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Come near, O God, and yet more near, until we see Thee face to face. Send forth Thy Holy Spirit. Stretch out Thy Hand to feed our souls, to sanctify our bodies and to make them worthy dwelling-places for Him Who is our only Redeemer and Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord : in Whom we are bold to call upon Thee, as He hath taught us :

Our Father which art in Heaven, etc.

¶ *Thereafter the service follows the usual order* (vide p. 54).

The Order for

THE ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM TO INFANTS.

¶ *The Sacrament of Baptism should, as far as possible, be administered in the Church, and in the presence of the Congregation.*

¶ *After the singing of the Baptismal* Hymn, *the Minister shall say:*

GO ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

They brought young children to Jesus that He should touch them; and He took them in His arms, put His hands upon them and blessed them.

The promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord your God shall call.

¶ *Then shall he say:*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, Who hast promised that Thou wilt be, not only our God, but the God and Father of our children, and Who hast given unto us the sacraments of Thy Church as seals of Thy redeeming love; cleanse our hearts, we beseech Thee, by the

inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that the administration of this ordinance may bring us a blessing; and quicken our faith that we may lay hold of the grace set forth in the outward symbol, for our growth in holiness and to the praise of Thy great Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Parents, with the Child, shall present themselves before the Minister, who may say:*

BAPTISM is a sign and seal of the Covenant of Grace. Every covenant which God made with man had a sign as well as a promise attached to it; and every covenant included the child with the parent. In Baptism, the promise comes to us and to our children, both in word and in sign.

So, it implies something more than the public declaration of a parent's faith, or the solemn dedication of a child to God; something deeper and diviner than any human profession or promise. It assures us of what God has done and has promised to do.

The most important thing in Baptism is not what we do; it is what He does. It is God, in Christ and through the Spirit, who is calling and claiming *this child* as His own. It means, as the symbol manifestly shows, what He is able to do, even for a little child. As used by Him, and in answer to our faith and faithfulness, it is a means of Grace. But this Service will be in vain if the parents and the Church fail to give effect, by Christian nurture and example, to the promise of Grace herein proclaimed.

Forasmuch, then, as you desire and claim the Grace that is herein promised and offered for your

child, you will now engage, on your part, to perform those things which God requires of you, that the goodwill and pleasure of your Heavenly Father may not be hidden from your *child*.

¶ *Here the Minister shall put the following questions to the parents, to which they shall make answer :*

Do you, professing the Christian faith, desire that *this child* should be baptized into the same ; and do you promise, God helping you, to bring *him* up therein ?

Answer. I do.

¶ *Then the Minister may say :*

GRANT, O Lord, to these Thy servants grace to perform this that they have promised before Thee :

And sanctify with Thy Holy Spirit this child, now to be baptized according to Thy Word : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, the Congregation standing, the Minister shall come to the font, and taking the Child in his arms, or leaving it in the arms of the Parent, he shall name the Child, pouring or sprinkling water upon him and saying :*

N——, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ *Here the Minister shall bless the Child in these words :*

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee ; the Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee ; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, handing the Child back to the arms of the Parent, he shall add :*

THIS Child is now admitted into the congregation of Christ's flock, in the good hope that *he* shall never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say :*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast numbered us amongst Thy people, and dost also call our children unto Thee, marking them with this Sacrament, as a singular token of Thy grace and love.

Wherefore, we beseech Thee to confirm Thy favour more and more towards us, and to take into Thy care and defence this child, whom we offer and present unto Thee with common supplications. Grant that *he* may ever be Thy child, and that *he* may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified ; but may continue His faithful soldier and servant, and so prevail against evil, that in the end *he* may obtain the victory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Endue these Thy servants into whose keeping Thou hast entrusted this little one with a wise, loving and faithful spirit. Help them to dedicate to Thee day by day this gift of Thy love to them ; and to consecrate themselves anew to Thy will and service.

Sanctify, also, this holy ordinance to us all ;

that we, this day, remembering our vows, may seek to perform them more earnestly, more sincerely, more devoutly than we have done heretofore, to the glory of Thy holy Name; and this we ask through Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Redeemer. *Amen.*

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then a* Hymn *may be sung, after which the Service may be continued, or else closed with the* Benediction:

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. *Amen.*

ALTERNATIVE FORM OF ADDRESS BEFORE BAPTISM.

THE Service in which we are now engaged is one of thanksgiving and of testimony, of recognition and of dedication, and the appointed means of entrance into the Church of Christ.

It is a Service of thanksgiving for all the sweet and solemn hopes that shed their light on the newborn; a confession that God has come very near

to you in this new blessing, in this new need of wisdom and strength.

It is a recognition of God as the source of all life. From Him have we all come, even as this new life has come into the world and into your home.

It is a testimony to the fact that all children are the children of God, and that He claims them. When we engage in this service, we declare that it is not by our own act or choice we become children of God any more than it is by our own act or choice we become members of a human family. It is God who calls us; it is Christ's voice we hear, saying: Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

It is a service of dedication and of consecration; dedication of *this child* to the holy will of God, consecration of you the parents to new and holier fidelities. By your attendance on this rite you declare that your little *one has* come to you from God; and you promise that you will teach *him* the love of God your Saviour, so that from the first *he* may be brought up as a Christian child.

These things you profess and promise as God gives you grace?

¶ *After the Parents have given their assent, the Minister shall say:*

Grant, O Lord, unto these Thy servants grace to perform, *etc.*

The Order for

THE ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM TO ADULTS.

¶ *It may be more convenient to hold this Service in private, but always in the presence of witnesses, and of one or more of the Elders.*

¶ *The* Candidate *appearing before the Minister, he shall say :*

HEAR the words of the institution of this holy Sacrament, as delivered by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to His disciples :

All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost : teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you : and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

St. Peter also, on the day of Pentecost, called upon the people saying, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Dearly beloved, you have come here freely and openly to be baptized, according to the ordinance of Christ, into the Name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Ghost. It is your solemn desire to dedicate yourself to the loving service of the God into whose Name you are to be baptized; taking the Father to be your Father, the Son to be your Saviour, and the Lord, the Holy Ghost, to be your Sanctifier and Comforter.

Forasmuch, then, as you are desirous of receiving Baptism, it is only meet that you give answer, faithfully and sincerely, before God and these witnesses, to the questions we have now to ask.

¶ *The Minister shall then say:*

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith, and in this faith do you desire to be baptized?

Answer. I do.

Do you confess your sins, and turn from them with godly sorrow, and put all your trust in the mercy of God, which is in Christ Jesus; and do you promise in His strength to lead a pure, humble and holy life?

Answer. I do.

¶ *Then the Minister may say:*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, to receive and to sanctify with Thy Spirit this Thy servant, now to be baptized according to Thy word; and daily increase in *him* the love of Thee, until *he* come unto Thy everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the* Person *to be baptized shall kneel by the font,*

and the Minister, pronouncing his name, shall pour or sprinkle water upon his forehead, saying :

N——, I baptize Thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ *Here shall the Minister bless the* Person *baptized :*

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly : and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ *Then he shall add :*

We receive this *brother* into the congregation of Christ's flock, in the confidence that *he* shall never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant, unto *his* life's end.

¶ *Then the Minister may use this or the like* Prayer.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and ever blessed God, we render unto Thee most humble and hearty thanks, for Thy great goodness in giving us a place within Thy Church, and marking us with the seal of Thy love in this holy Sacrament. Bless, we beseech Thee, this Thy servant who has now been baptized, that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ may make *him* strong for the work and the warfare to which *he* has been called. May *he* fight the good fight of faith and endure unto the end ; so that, at the last, *he* may have entrance unto Thy kingdom of light ; through Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be glory in the Church, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *The Service may be closed with this* Ascription :

NOW unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy ; to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

The Order for

THE CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

AND

ADMISSION TO FULL COMMUNION.

¶ *Those who profess their faith in Christ, and desire publicly to confirm the vows made for them in Baptism, shall be invited by the Minister to present themselves as candidates for full Communion.*

¶ *The Session being satisfied concerning their fitness, and having ascertained that they have been baptized, their admission shall take place in presence of the Congregation, the Elders also being present.*

¶ *At the appointed time, the Candidates being placed in order before the Minister, he shall say :*

THOSE who now stand before us desire publicly to confess their faith in Christ, and to be received into full Communion with His Church : Their names are . . .

¶ *Then the Minister shall address the Candidates in these, or the like, words :*

Dearly beloved, in your Baptism you received the sign and seal of your engrafting into Christ, and were solemnly pledged to be the Lord's. Forasmuch as you now desire to confirm the covenant then made on your behalf, to take upon yourselves

the obligations of Christ's disciples ; it is meet that you make public confession of your faith, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus : Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven.

¶ *Here the Minister will call upon the Congregation to stand.*

Do you now, in the presence of God and of this Congregation, own and confess the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord ; and promise, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, to be His faithful disciples unto the end ?

Answer. I do.

Do you confess your sins and turn from them with true repentance, and put your trust in the mercy of God, which is in Christ Jesus ; and do you promise, in dependence on Divine grace, to carry your religion into all the relationships of life ?

Answer. I do.

Do you promise to persevere in the diligent use of the means of Grace, and, as members of this Congregation, to contribute honourably to their support, to submit yourselves to all the ordinances of Christ and advance the cause of His Gospel and Kingdom in the world ?

Answer. I do.

And these things you profess and promise, as God shall give you grace and as you shall be answerable to Him ?

Answer. I do.

¶ *Then the Minister (laying his hands, if such be his discretion, on the heads of those kneeling before him) will say:*

GRANT Thy grace, O Lord, unto this Thy *child*, that *he* may continue Thine for ever; and daily increase in the love of Thee, more and more, until *he* comes into Thy everlasting Kingdom. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow this, or the like,* Prayer.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our Father, Source of all our strength, and hope; we give Thee thanks for these Thy servants who have even now witnessed a good confession; and we most earnestly beseech Thee of Thy great mercy to perfect in them the good work Thou hast begun; that they, being defended by Thy Fatherly hand and strengthened by Thy Holy Spirit, may be enabled to keep this covenant without spot, irreproveable, until the day of the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant, we beseech Thee, that the vows made and the faith professed by their parents at Baptism may now be confirmed in and by them; and may their own faith in Christ be quickened and confirmed in them, even now, at this time.

Vouchsafe unto them Thy help and blessing when they come to Thy Holy Table, that they may have grace to feed their souls upon Christ, and to have communion with Him.

And finally grant, O most merciful Father, that they may never falter nor fail in this new life, but run with patience the race set before them, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be said or sung this* Blessing:

The Lord bless thee and keep thee,
The Lord make His face to shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee,
And give thee peace.

¶ *Thereafter, the Candidates standing, the Congregation also standing, the Minister shall say:*

IN the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, we declare you to be members in full communion with His Church on earth; on behalf of the Session of this Congregation we welcome you with the right hand of fellowship; and we commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

¶ *Here the Minister shall give the right hand of fellowship to each of the newly received members in turn; and, speaking to each, may say:* The Lord be with you.

¶ *Thereafter the Minister may give a brief Address followed by a Hymn and the* Benediction :

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *The Order of this Service should be explained beforehand to the Candidates.*

THE ORDER OF MARRIAGE.

¶ *On the entrance of the Bride a Hymn may be sung.*

¶ *The persons to be married being present in the Church with a sufficient number of witnesses, the Man standing on the right hand of the Woman, the Minister shall say :*

WE are met here in the sight of God and in the presence of this congregation (before these witnesses), to join together this man and this woman in holy wedlock.

Marriage is an honourable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency ; beautified and adorned by Christ's presence at the marriage in Cana of Galilee ; commended by His Apostle as honourable in all, and consecrated as signifying unto us the mystical union between Christ and His Church.

It is therefore not to be entered on lightly, or thoughtlessly, but reverently, discreetly and in the fear of God, duly considering the ends for which it was ordained.

It was ordained for the continuance, comfort and happiness of mankind, and was sanctified as the foundation and bond of family and social life. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh.

Into this holy estate these two persons are now

come to be joined. Therefore if any one can show just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let him now declare it, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

¶ *Then speaking to the Persons who are to be married, the Minister shall say :*

I REQUIRE and charge you both, as in the sight of God, and remembering your responsibilty to Him, that if either of you know any impediment why you may not be lawfully joined together in marriage, ye do now confess it.*

¶ *If no impediment is alleged or confessed, the Minister shall say :*

FORASMUCH as no impediment has been alleged or confessed, let us invoke the Divine blessing on the union now to be formed.

¶ *Then, the persons kneeling, the Minister shall say :*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our Father, the Author and Giver of all good things ; we, Thy servants, do humbly give Thee thanks for the daily blessings of our life, for health and gladness, for the joys of home and the happiness of friends. We thank Thee for love, best of all gifts, sanctified by the institution of marriage which Thou hast ordained.

Look with favour, we beseech Thee, upon these, Thy servants, who would enter into this hallowed

* *Marriage officers resident in the Cape Province, Natal and Rhodesia are enjoined (Section 7, Marriage Order in Council) to ask each of the contracting parties to make the following declaration :*

I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, M. R., may not be joined in matrimony to N. S.

relation. As thou hast brought them together by Thy Providence, so sanctify them by Thy Spirit, and enrich them with the blessing of Thy grace, that they may rightly perform the duties, enjoy the comforts, undergo the cares, and resist the temptations which accompany this condition, as becometh Christians.

And grant, O most merciful Father, that they, being united in Thy fear and kept in Thy love, may ever prosper in all health and happiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, all standing, the Minister shall say to the Man:*

M., wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, and wilt thou pledge thy troth to her, in all love and honour, in all duty and service, in all faith and tenderness, to live with her and cherish her according to the ordinance of God, in the holy bond of marriage?

¶ *The Man shall answer:*

I will.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say to the Woman:*

N., wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, and wilt thou pledge thy troth to him, in all love and honour, in all duty and service, in all faith and tenderness, to live with him and cherish him, according to the ordinance of God, in the holy bond of marriage?

¶ *The Woman shall answer:*

I will.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say :*

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man ?

¶ *After the parent or guardian of the Woman has duly answered, the Minister shall cause the Man and the Woman to join hands :*

In token of the covenant which you are now about to make, take each other by the right hand.

¶ *It is proper that all present should stand during the taking of the vows. The Congregation should be reminded of this, if need be.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say to the Man :*

Do you *M.*, take *N.*, whom you hold by the hand, to be your lawful wedded wife ; and do you in the sight of God and in the presence of this congregation (before these witnesses) promise and covenant to be to her a loving, faithful and dutiful husband, till God shall separate you by death ?

¶ *Either, the Man shall answer :*

I do.

¶ *Or the Minister may cause the Man to repeat slowly after him :*

I, *M.*, do take thee *N.*, to be my lawful wedded wife, and do, in the presence of God and before this congregation (these witnesses) promise and covenant to be unto thee a loving, faithful and dutiful husband, until God shall separate us by death.*

* *Marriage Officers resident in the Cape Province, Natal and Rhodesia are enjoined (Section 7, Marriage Order in Council) to ask each of the contracting parties to make the following declaration :*

I call upon those persons here present to witness that I, M.R., do take N. S. to be my lawful wedded wife.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to the Woman :*

Do you *N.*, take *M.*, whom you hold by the hand, to be your lawful wedded husband ; and do you in the sight of God and in the presence of this congregation (before these witnesses) promise and covenant to be to him a loving, faithful and dutiful wife, till God shall separate you by death ?

¶ *Either, the Woman shall answer :*

I do.

¶ *Or, the Minister may cause the Woman to repeat slowly after him :*

I, *N.*, do take thee, *M.*, to be my lawful wedded husband, and do, in the presence of God and before this congregation (these witnesses) promise and covenant to be unto thee a loving, faithful and dutiful wife, until God shall separate us by death.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say :*

What symbol do you present in token of the vows you have now taken ?

¶ *Here the ring shall be given to the Minister, who shall return it to the Man, saying :*

In pledge of the covenant you have now made with each other, the marriage ring is given and received.

¶ *Here the Man shall put the ring on the third finger*

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I call upon those persons here present to witness that I, N.S., do take M.R. to be my lawful wedded husband.

of the Woman's left hand, after which the Minister shall add :

By this token you do declare yourselves wedded to one another according to the Divine ordinance, and the law of this land ; and you do now solemnly engage and pledge yourselves, each to the other, to live together in this holy bond ; taking each other from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do you part.

Whom God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Forasmuch as M. R. and N. S. have solemnly pledged themselves to live together in holy wedlock, I do now pronounce them to be husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

¶ *Here the Minister may bless them in these words :*

THE God of heaven so join you now that you may rejoice and be glad of one another all your life : and when He who doth now join you shall separate you again, may He stablish you with the assurance that He hath but borrowed one of you for a time to make both more perfect in the life everlasting.

¶ *Or, he may give this blessing, which may also be sung by the Choir and People :*

THE Lord bless you and keep you ; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you ; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister may read this, or some other suitable Scripture:*

LOVE suffereth long and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth.

Or this:

Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man yet hated his own flesh, but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the Church.

Therefore let every one of you in particular so love his wife, even as himself; and let the wife see that she reverence her husband.

¶ *Here the Minister may give an Address in some such words as these:*

MY friends, let me remind you of the vows you have taken and of the fellowship in which you now stand. You are called on to live together in love, and you must know that this is no light matter. For although you are one in the sight of God and men, yet are you two in nature and in temperament. And so you will need the grace

of God to help you to suffer one another in all things, that you may live as it becometh man and wife to do. Be true to yourselves; be true to each other; be true to God.

Go forth together, man and wife, upon the great, wide road that we call life. Go forth together, made strong in faith and brave with hope, and in the memory of Him who walked these ways before you; who joyed and sorrowed and endured all things, even as we must. Go forth together and may the blessing of God abide with you, and the peace that passeth understanding.

¶ *Then may be sung a Hymn; after which the Minister shall say the following, or some other Prayer.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast ordained marriage to guard, hallow and perfect love; bless, we beseech Thee, this husband and wife, whom we have this day joined in Thy Name. Spare them long to each other, if it please Thee; and keep them faithful to each other in holy love. Defend them from all harm; preserve them amid the manifold temptations of the world; and fill their lives with happiness and peace.

Enrich their home with such gifts of prosperity and comfort as may be best for them. Turn for them the water into wine; and, with all Thy blessings, endue them with the gifts of the Spirit; so that, having glorified Thee on the earth, and finished the work Thou hast given them to do, they may attain to that blessed home of everlasting rest and joy, where Thou O Father, with

the Son and Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn, followed by the* Benediction.

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Hereafter the Register shall be signed.*

The Order for the
BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

¶ *When there is to be a Service at the house of the deceased person, before proceeding to the place of burial, some of the following passages from Holy Scripture may be read.*

THE Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Cast thy burden on the Lord and He shall sustain thee.

God will comfort His people, and will have mercy upon His afflicted.

For a small moment have I forsaken thee ; but with great mercies shall I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment ; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer.

Love is strong as death ; many waters cannot quench it, neither can the floods drown it. Love never faileth.

If a man die, shall he live again ?

Jesus said, I am the Resurrection and the Life : he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, unto an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The righteous hath hope in His death : Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more ; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying ; neither shall there be

any more pain ; for the former things are passed away. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost ; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *After the reading, the Minister shall speak in Prayer of that which is in his heart, concluding with the* Blessing :

NOW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE BURIAL SERVICE.

¶ *The Minister, meeting the Body of the Dead at the entrance of the Cemetery, and going before it towards the grave, shall say :*

I AM the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live ; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand up at last upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet without my flesh shall I see God.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

¶ *When all are assembled at the grave, the Minister shall read some of the following passages from Holy Scripture :*

LORD make me to know mine end and the measure of my days, what it is : that I may know how frail I am.

Behold Thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth ; and mine age is as nothing before Thee. We spend our years as a tale that is told.

(*For the aged.*)

[The days of our years are threescore years and ten : or even by reason of strength fourscore ; yet is their strength labour and sorrow ; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.]

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

O satisfy us early with Thy mercy : that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us : and the years wherein we have seen evil.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us : and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us ; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

Or this,

Like as a father pitieth his children : so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

For He knoweth our frame : He remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass : as a flower of the field so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone : and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him : and His righteousness unto children's children ;

To such as keep His covenant : and to those that remember His commandments to do them.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies.

He doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

Let us, therefore, regard not lightly the chastening of the Lord ; for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away ; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that sleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order : Christ the first fruits : afterward they that are Christ's at His coming.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So

when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *And these, at the discretion of the Minister.*

We would not have you to be ignorant concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

And they shall see His face; and His Name shall be on their foreheads.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there ye may be also.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

I am persuaded the neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say :*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who art our Refuge and Strength, and a very present help in time of trouble ; enable us, we pray Thee, to put our trust in Thee, and seeing that we have an High Priest, who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, may we come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help us, in this time of need ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life, our comfort in sorrow and our joy in dying ; we thank Thee that Thou art the eternal home and dwelling place of all who seek Thee here. We bless Thee for the hope Thou hast given us, telling of a light that fades not, and a life that cannot know the bitterness of death, where Christ and those we love await with Thee our coming, in Thy glory.

Be near to us, we beseech Thee, when our dear ones rise to go, passing within the veil. Preserve us from selfish grief, and quicken rather in our souls the faith that they are now in peace with

Thee. Help us to follow them, even as they followed Thee, and to be faithful, as were those we loved, till Thou dost bring us all together once again, where tears are wiped away, and sorrow cannot come.

O Lord, who hast promised to be with Thy people always ; be with us now as we commit to the grave the body of our *brother* departed. We thank Thee for whatever was *manly* (*womanly*), tender and true, in the life of *him* whom Thou hast taken ; for the presence in *his* heart of Thy saving grace (whereof *he* made profession) that enabled *him* to fight the good fight, and to endure even unto the end.

And we pray that these things may now be counted unto *him* for righteousness, that, through the gate and grave of death, *he* may pass to a joyous resurrection, for the merits of Him who died and rose again for us all, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Thou, who in Thy burial didst hallow an earthly sepulchre ; we beseech Thee to bless and hallow the grave wherein we lay this body, unto the day of Thy second coming to judge the world, when the dead shall be raised to life incorruptible ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord Jesu Christ, who didst weep by the grave of Lazarus, and who knowest all human sorrow ; we pray Thee for those who will feel sorest and heaviest this loss ; that in their sorrow they may have Thy comfort ; that in their darkness Thy light may shine ; that in their loneliness they may have Thy presence and the peace that passeth understanding.

And grant, O most merciful God, that we all, realising the shortness and uncertainty of human life, may go back to the world and to our work, having learned in the presence of death the deeper meaning of life.

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *When the Body has been laid in the grave, the Minister shall say :*

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God to take out of this world the soul of our *brother* departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground ; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust ; looking for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

¶ *Then may be said :*

I HEARD a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth : yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours : and their works do follow them.

* *At the burial of the dead at sea, instead of the words,* We therefore commit *his* body to the ground . . . dust to dust, *may be said,* We therefore commit *his* body to the deep, looking for the Ressurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ *Or this :*

The dust returns unto the earth as it was ; and the spirit has returned unto God who gave it.

None of us liveth unto himself, and none dieth unto himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord ; or whether we die, we die unto the Lord ; whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's.

¶ *Then the Minister may say one or other of the following* Prayers :

WE remember, O Lord, with thanksgiving, all those who have faithfully lived and nobly died, and are departed in the hope of Resurrection to Eternal Life ; especially those most dear to us, who have made the unseen world a home for our hearts. In that place of light perpetual whence sorrow and mourning are far banished, Thou wilt give them rest, O Lord, the Lover of men.

And for us who remain give the spirit of happiness, and the peace which comes from living close to our dear ones, through being one in Thee ; until the time come that we meet together in Thy kingdom, and death is swallowed up in victory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this :*

Spirit of grace and benediction, Father of Jesus Christ and our Father, Creator of these dying bodies and the Life of these undying souls ; help us to rise above the earthly to the heavenly ; with Christ dying unto sin and living only unto Thee ; and from the light of a true life here passing at length into that Presence where there is fulness of joy and peace evermore.

Grant us this, O Father, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this :*

Grant to us, O Lord, the royalty of inward happiness and the serenity which comes from living close to Thee. Daily renew us in the sense of joy, and let the Eternal Spirit of the Father dwell in our souls and bodies, filling every corner of our hearts with light and grace ; so that bearing about with us the infection of a good courage, we may be diffusers of life, and may meet all ills and cross accidents, even death itself, with gallant and high-hearted happiness, giving Thee thanks always for all things ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Benediction.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

AT THE BURIAL OF A CHILD.

¶ *The following passages may be read :*

GOD is our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in trouble.

Though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies.

The Lord will comfort His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

He healeth also the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd ; He shall gather the lambs in His arms, and carry them in His bosom.

It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

For I say unto you that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven.

And they brought young children to Jesus that He should touch them. And Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them and blessed them.

Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in nowise enter therein.

Is it well with the child ? It is well.

I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away : blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost ; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then these* Prayers *may be used :*

O GOD, who in all ages hast heard the prayer of Thy poor children in the world, and who art still the Giver of blessing to the souls of men ;

let our weakness appeal to Thy pity. Hold not Thy peace at our tears. Lead us to the Rock that is higher than we. Our spirits turn to Thee in humble trust. We know not where else to look for comfort and help, save only unto Thee. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and bless us in our need.

Almighty and most merciful Father, whose kingdom is of such as this child, whom Thou hast hastened to take unto Thyself; we bless Thee for Thy grace vouchsafed to these Thy servants that Thou didst suffer this gift of Thy love to be with them for a little while, and to leave with them a most pure remembrance and a holy hope; which both, we pray Thee so to preserve and to increase unto them, that, in all lowliness and simplicity, in all innocence and purity, they may be even as this little one, for *his* and Thy kingdom's sake.

O Lord of boundless love, the only Comforter of the afflicted; send, we beseech Thee, Thy peace and comfort into the hearts of Thy sorrowing servants, that they may earnestly seek unto Thee, who turnest the shadow of death into the light of the morning. Mercifully lead them in the way of truth and of eternal life, that their sorrow may be with hope. Lift up their hearts above earth's darkness, to the light and love of Thy nearest Presence, that where their treasure is, there also their hearts may be: even with Thee, O Blessed Spirit, in whom do live eternally the souls of those we have loved and lost awhile.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and make us of the number of Thy children, that at the last we may be found in Thee.

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be

Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *The words of the* Committal *may be as follows:*

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself the soul of this child, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth; ashes to ashes; dust to dust; in the sure and certain hope, that as *he* has borne the image of the earthly *he* shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

THE BENEDICTION.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

AT THE BURIAL OF A SUICIDE.

¶ *When all are come to the grave, the Minister may say:*

IN the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek succour, but of Thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord most holy, O Lord most holy and

merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

¶ *Then shall be read* Psalm cxxx.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice : let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand ?

But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning : I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let us hope in the Lord : for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem us from all our iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them who are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

¶ *Then shall be said the following, or other like,* Prayer :

O LORD, who art the Comforter of Thy children, Thou God of love and tenderness ; look down in tender love and pity, we beseech Thee, upon

Thy stricken servants, unto whom this trial has come. We need not tell their sorrow unto Thee. In the stillness of our hearts, we ask for them Thy sustaining grace. Be Thou their Stay, their Strength, and their Shield; that they may be delivered from all bitterness, despair, and doubt; trusting in Thee to lighten their darkness, and to bring them out of all their distress.

Speak to each of us Thy word of peace, as we stand now in the presence of death; and may all the events which befall us minister to a truer and holier life in our souls; that we may give ourselves to the help and cheer of those who are without comfort, and desolate on the earth, and so win quietness and hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father which art in heaven; hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *This form of committing the Body to the earth may be used:*

FORASMUCH as the soul of our *brother* has departed this life, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; and we do entrust *his* soul to the infinite mercy of God in Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

¶ *Then shall follow the* Benediction :

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

The Order for

THE LICENSING OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

¶ *The Licensing of Candidates for the Ministry may take place, after due examination, at regular meetings of Presbytery; or, if thought desirable, at a special Service appointed for the purpose.*

¶ *The Moderator may address the Court in these or the like words:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. We are here met as a Presbytery to License this our brother to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God by His Holy Spirit calls men to serve Him according to the gifts bestowed upon them; and some He chooses to serve Him in preaching the Gospel of His Grace. He has commanded His Church not only to pray for the increase of the Ministry, but also to prove and try those who seek this sacred office. Therefore, it is fitting that those who desire to give themselves to this Ministry should have opportunity to make trial of their gifts. The oversight of these things is committed to the Presbytery, which is to examine each candidate in regard to his spiritual experience and his power to understand and interpret the Holy Scriptures. The Presbytery, having made

such examination, and being persuaded of the fitness of A. B. will now proceed to License him as a preacher of the Gospel, when he shall have answered the questions appointed by the Church.

¶ (For Questions, *vide* Ordinal, pp. 107-8.)

¶ *Here the Moderator shall commit the newly licensed candidate to God in prayer : after which, the Presbyters all standing, he shall say :*

IN the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, and by the authority committed unto us in His Church, we license you, A. B. to preach the Gospel within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever God in His Providence may order your lot.

¶ *Then, the Moderator and afterwards all the Presbyters, shall give him the right hand of fellowship.*

The Order for

THE ORDINATION OF MINISTERS.

¶ *On the day appointed for the Ordination and Induction, the Presbytery shall meet beforehand in the Vestry or Session-house of the Church, and shall be constituted, in the usual way, by the Moderator.*

¶ *After all arrangements have been duly made, the Presbyters, together with the Candidate, shall enter the Church in order, and proceed to their appointed places. It is proper for the Candidate to be seated in front of the Communion Table.*

¶ *The preceding Service shall be as brief as may be conveniently arranged, so that due time be allowed for the Ordination.*

¶ *After the* Sermon, Veni, Creator Spiritus, *or other suitable Hymn, shall be sung.*

¶ *Then shall the presiding Presbyter address the People in these or the like words :*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

We are met here as a Presbytery to ordain this our brother to the office and work of the holy ministry, [and to induct him to the pastoral charge of this congregation]. As it is God who hath called us together into His Church, and hath given us all, ministers and people, a place therein according to our several gifts and graces ; and a

right to set apart those whom we deem worthy to exercise authority and to bear rule in spiritual things ; so it has been the common practice of the Church, in the Ordination [and Induction] of those who have been called to the office of the holy ministry, to read a narrative, setting forth the steps which have been taken by the Presbytery to lead up to this solemn Act and undertaking.

¶ *Here shall be read a brief narrative, previously prepared by the Clerk, concluding with these, or the like, words :*

ALL these things having been done according to the law and usage of the Church, the Presbytery will now proceed to ordain the said A. B. to the office and work of the holy ministry [and thereafter to induct him to the pastoral charge of this congregation], after he has answered the questions appointed by the Church.

¶ *Then the* Candidate *shall stand before the presiding Presbyter, who shall say :*

DEAR brother, forasmuch as we believe that you are acting in obedience to the call of God, it may seem needless that we should ask for further assurance of your faith and integrity of purpose ; but, in order that you may yourself better realise the solemn trust which is implied in Ordination, and the grave responsibilities under which you are about to be placed ; [and further, that this present congregation of Christ may better understand your mind and will in those things,] we ask that you shall answer plainly to all these questions, which we, in the Name of Christ, and of His Church, demand of you.

¶ *Here the* Candidate *shall answer the following* Questions :

1. Do you believe the Word of God as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the supreme Rule of faith and duty ?

Answer. I do.

2. Do you accept the Twenty-four Articles of the Faith, in accordance with the Declaration of the Church's attitude thereanent, as the subordinate standard of this Church, believing the substance of the Christian Faith therein contained; and do you consent that by this standard, constitutionally interpreted, your relation to this Church shall be determined ?

Answer. I do.

3. Do you acknowledge the Presbyterian polity and discipline of this Church to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God : do you promise to be subject to its government and to take part in the administration of its affairs ; and, while cherishing brotherly love towards all the faithful followers of Christ, do you engage to seek the purity, peace and extension of this Church ?

Answer. I do.

4. Do you own and confess anew the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord ; and will you faithfully proclaim the Gospel of the love and grace of God, wherein He freely offers to all men forgiveness and eternal life, and calls them into fellowship and service of His Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, who died for

our sins and rose again from the dead, and is alive for evermore.

Answer. I do so confess and promise.

5. Do you engage in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, to live a holy and circumspect life, to be loyal to the call of duty, and faithfully to discharge all the parts of the ministerial work entrusted to you [among this people,] to the edifying of the Body of Christ, and to the spread of His Gospel?

Answer. I do so engage.

¶ *The following question is to be put only when the Person ordained is also being inducted to a Charge.*

[6. Do you feel bound in conscience before God to answer and satisfy the trust and desire of this people, who have so earnestly called you to be their minister, believing that this is the call of God to you by them?

Answer. I do.]

7. All these things you profess and promise, as God shall give you grace, and as you shall be answerable at the coming of the Lord Jesus, and as you would be accepted of Him at His glorious appearing?

Answer. I do so promise, the Lord being my Helper.

¶ *The questions having been answered, the presiding Presbyter shall say:*

LET us pray silently to God for the blessing of His grace on this His servant.

¶ *Here shall silence be kept for a space.*

¶ *After which shall be said the following :*

HEAR the prayers of Thy people, O Lord, we beseech Thee : and grant Thy blessing unto this Thy servant, who is now to be ordained : that he may be enabled, through Thy grace, to perform all the things which he has promised before Thee ; and sanctify him with Thy Spirit, according to Thy Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *If the* Person *ordained is at the same time inducted to a Charge, the presiding Presbyter shall turn to the People, and say :*

[Do you, the People of this Congregation, acknowledge and receive this our brother as your Minister ; do you promise to reverence him for his work's sake, and to encourage him in all his labours ; and, finally, do you engage to maintain and comfort him in his ministry, as you have already pledged yourselves to do ?

If so, be pleased to signify this by rising to your feet now.]

¶ *Here the people shall stand.*

¶ *Then, the People still standing, the presiding Presbyter shall come to the Holy Table, and, surrounded by the other Presbyters shall proceed to* Ordain, *with the* Laying on of Hands, *the* Candidate, *who shall be directed to kneel.*

THE ORDINATION PRAYER.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast founded for Thyself a Church in the world, and hast sanctified in all ages the men of Thy right hand, setting them apart for the ministry of reconciliation, some to be apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the Body of Christ ; Look in mercy, we beseech Thee, on this Thy servant, whom we, in the Name of Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, do now ordain and set apart to the office of the holy Ministry, by the laying on of our hands ; (*here the presiding Presbyter and the other Ministers shall lay their hands on the head of the Candidate*) ; committing unto him authority to minister Thy Word and Sacraments. Pour down upon him the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that he may be a faithful preacher of righteousness and a true Minister of the Gospel of Thy Son. Endue him with the spirit of wisdom and love, of power and a sound mind. Make him and keep him simple in character, pure in heart, clear in judgment, unselfish and earnest in purpose, and lowly in personal claim. As Thou hast brought him to this holy hour, under Thy discipline and teaching, in ways both secret and open, so do Thou lead him in days to come, that Thy Word and life may speak through him, that Thy love and grace may be seen in him, and that the mind which was in Christ Jesus may also be in him. Amid praise and blame, amid success and failure, may he, in all

things, fulfil his ministry, unblameably and irreproveably in Thy sight; so that when his day's work is done he may be accounted worthy to stand before Thee, and to look on His Master's face without fear and without shame.

Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the love of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and only Saviour. *Amen.*

[And as we *induct* Thy servant to the pastoral oversight of this Congregation, we beseech Thee to bless abundantly the people of his charge with Thy love and favour. Prepare their hearts to receive Thy Word: enlighten their minds in the knowledge of Thy Truth; and so sanctify the sacred relation which has this day been established between them and Thy servant, that Thy kingdom may be advanced, and Thy Name glorified in this place. And unto Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, do we ascribe all the honour and the glory, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Prayers being ended, there shall be sung, without announcement, the* Gloria Patri, *or this* Doxology:

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

¶ *After which the presiding Presbyter shall say:*

IN the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority committed to us in His Church, we do hereby declare you to be ordained to the office of the holy Ministry, [and duly inducted to the pastoral charge of this congregation].

¶ *Then the presiding Presbyter, and afterwards all the members of the Presbytery, shall take him by the right hand, saying in words to this effect :*

WE give you the right hand of fellowship, to take part with us in this ministry.

¶ *Then shall be sung the Post-Ordination* Hymn,

[Pour out Thy Spirit from on high ;]

¶ *After which, the presiding Presbyter, or some other appointed for the purpose, shall give a solemn* Charge *to the newly ordained Minister [and to the People].*

¶ *Here the* Lord's Prayer *may be said by all together, if the same has not been said in the Service preceding.*

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ; for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung a Hymn, or* Paraphrase 54.

¶ *After which the presiding Presbyter shall pronounce the* Benediction :

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

¶ *It is proper that all members of the Presbytery should attend this Service, and that Ministers should wear their robes of office.*

The Order for

THE INDUCTION OF A MINISTER.

¶ *On the day appointed for the Induction, the Presbytery shall meet beforehand in the Session-house of the Church, and shall be constituted, in the usual way, by the Moderator.*

¶ *After all arrangements have been duly made, the Presbyters, together with the Minister-elect, shall enter the Church in order, and proceed to their appointed places. It is proper for the Minister-elect to be seated in front of the Communion Table.*

¶ *The preceding Service and Sermon shall be as brief as may be conveniently arranged, so that due time be allowed for the Act of Induction.*

¶ *After the* Sermon, Veni, Creator Spiritus, *or other suitable Hymn, shall be sung.*

¶ *Then shall the presiding Presbyter address the People in these, or the like, words :*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

We are met here as a Presbytery to induct to the pastoral charge of this congregation this our brother, who has already been ordained to the office and work of the holy ministry. As it is God who hath called us together into His Church, and hath given us all, ministers and people, a place therein according to our several gifts and graces ; and a right to call those whom we deem worthy to

exercise authority, and to bear rule in spiritual things; so it has been the common practice of the Church, in the Induction of those who have been called, to read a narrative, setting forth the steps which have been taken by the Presbytery to lead up to this solemn Act and undertaking.

¶ *Here shall be read a brief narrative, previously prepared by the Clerk, concluding with these words:*

ALL these things having been done according to the law and usage of the Church, the Presbytery will now proceed to induct the said A. B. to the pastoral charge of this Congregation, after he has answered the questions appointed by the Church.

¶ *Then the Minister-elect shall stand before the presiding Presbyter, who shall say:*

DEAR brother, forasmuch as we believe that you are acting in obedience to the call of God, it may seem needless that we should ask for further assurance of your faith and integrity of purpose; but, in order that you may yourself better realise the solemn trust and grave responsibilities under which you are about to be placed; and, further, that this present congregation of Christ may better understand your mind and will in these things, we ask that you shall answer plainly to all these questions, which we, in the Name of Christ, and of His Church, demand of you.

¶ *Here the Minister-elect shall answer to the following* Questions:

DO you believe the Word of God as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New

Testaments to be the supreme rule of faith and duty ?

Answer. I do.

2. Do you accept the Twenty-four Articles of the Faith, in accordance with the Declaration of the Church's attitude thereanent, as the subordinate standard of this Church, believing the substance of the Christian Faith therein contained ; and do you consent that by this standard, constitutionally interpreted, your relation to this Church shall be determined ?

Answer. I do.

3. Do you acknowledge the Presbyterian polity and discipline of this Church, to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God ; do you promise to be subject to its government and to take part in the administration of its affairs ; and while cherishing brotherly love towards all the faithful followers of Christ, do you engage to seek the purity, peace and extension of this Church ?

Answer. I do.

4. Do you own and confess anew the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord ; and will you faithfully proclaim the Gospel of the love and grace of God, wherein He freely offers to all men forgiveness and eternal life, and calls them into the fellowship and service of His Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, who died for our sins and rose again from the dead, and is alive for evermore.

Answer. I do so confess and promise.

5. Do you engage in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, to live a holy and circumspect life, to be loyal to the call of duty, and faithfully to discharge all the parts of the ministerial work entrusted to you among this people, to the edifying of the Body of Christ, and to the spread of His Gospel ?

Answer. I do so engage.

6. Do you feel bound in conscience before God to answer and satisfy the trust and desire of this people, who have so earnestly called you to be their minister, believing that this is the call of God to you by them ?

Answer. I do.

7. And all these things you profess and promise, as God shall give you grace, and as you shall be answerable at the coming of the Lord Jesus, and as you would be accepted of Him at His glorious appearing ?

Answer. I do so profess and promise, the Lord being my Helper.

¶ *The questions having been answered, the presiding Presbyter shall turn to the People and say :*

DO you, the People of this Congregation, acknowledge and receive this our brother as your Minister ; do you promise to reverence him for his work's sake, and to encourage him in all his labours ; and do you re-affirm what you have already pledged yourselves to do, to maintain and comfort him in his ministry ?

If so, be pleased to signify this by rising to your feet now.

¶ *Here the People shall stand.*

¶ *Then, the People still standing, the presiding Presbyter shall come to the Holy Table, and surrounded by the other Presbyters shall proceed to* Induct *the* Candidate, *who shall be directed to kneel.*

¶ *Then shall follow* The Induction Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast sanctified in all ages the men of Thy right hand, and set them apart for Thyself to minister in Thy holy Temple; hear us, we beseech Thee, on behalf of this Thy servant, who has been chosen and called by Thy people here, to be set over them in holy things. We thank Thee for the grace with which Thou hast endowed him, for the learning Thou hast enabled him to acquire, for the wisdom his experience of life has taught him, and for the knowledge he has received of Thy Name and will, through communion with Thee, and with Jesus Christ Thy Son.

We pray that, as Thou hast brought him unto this hour, under Thy discipline and teaching, in ways both secret and open, Thou wilt still lead him in days to come. Send down upon him the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, that he may be a faithful preacher of righteousness, and a true minister of the Gospel of Thy Son. Make him simple in character, pure in life, clear in judgment, unselfish and earnest in purpose and lowly in personal claim. Let the same mind be in him which was also in Christ Jesus. Fill him with the love that endureth all things, hopeth all things, and never faileth. Amid praise and blame, amid success and failure, may he, in all things, fulfil his ministry, unblameably and irreproveably in Thy sight; so that when his day's work is done, he may be counted worthy

to stand before Thee, and to look on his Master's face without fear and without shame.

Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the love of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and only Saviour.

O Lord God, the Sanctifier of the faithful, bless abundantly, we pray Thee, this people with Thy love and favour. Prepare their hearts to receive Thy Word: enlighten their minds in the knowledge of Thy Truth; and so sanctify the sacred relation which has this day been established between them and Thy servant, that Thy kingdom may be advanced and Thy Name glorified in this place. And unto Thee, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, do we ascribe all the honour and glory, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Prayer being ended, there shall be sung, without announcement, this Doxology:*

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

¶ *After which, the presiding Presbyter shall say:*

IN the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority committed to us in His Church, we do hereby declare you, A. B., to be duly inducted to the pastoral charge of this congregation, and admitted to all the rights and privileges belonging thereto; in token whereof we now give you the right hand of fellowship; commending you to God and to the Word of His grace, which is able to make you perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

¶ *Here the presiding Presbyter, and afterwards all the members of the Presbytery, shall take the newly-inducted Minister by the right hand.*

¶ *Then shall be sung the post-Induction* Hymn,

[Pour out Thy Spirit from on high;]

¶ *After which, the presiding Presbyter, or some other appointed for the purpose shall give a solemn* Charge *to the newly-inducted Minister and to the People.*

¶ *Here the* Lord's Prayer *may be said by all together, if the same has not been said in the Service preceding.*

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung a Hymn, or* Paraphrase 54.

¶ *After which, the presiding Presbyter shall pronounce the* Benediction:

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

¶ *It is becoming that all members of Presbytery should attend this Service, and that Ministers should wear their robes of office.*

The Order for

RECEIVING OF ORDAINED EVANGELISTS.

¶ *The Presbytery, having been constituted in the usual way, shall receive any Candidate who has been recommended by the General Assembly.*

¶ *It is proper for the Candidate to stand before the Moderator, who shall address the Court in these or the like words :*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

We are met here as a Presbytery to receive this our brother, A. B., as an Ordained Evangelist. This Order, having being instituted as an accessory form of ministry, is intended for those of approved character and gifts, who are free to serve the Church. Persons thus ordained are empowered to exercise the functions of the ministry, subject to certain conditions and limitations. They are not at liberty to chose a sphere of service, neither are they eligible for a call. Their right to celebrate the Sacraments is renewable from year to year, as the Court, within whose bounds they labour, may determine.

Subject to these conditions, we do now proceed to admit this our brother, A. B., to the Order of Ordained Evangelists, and to all the rights and

privileges belonging thereto, after he has answered the questions appointed by the Church.

(For Questions, *vide* Ordinal, pp. 107-8.)

¶ *Then, the Moderator shall commit him to God in prayer; after which, the presiding Presbyter and all the members of Presbytery shall give him the right hand of fellowship.*

The Order for

THE ORDINATION AND INDUCTION OF ELDERS.

¶ *The Minister and the Session having entered the Church and taken their seats in the Chancel or about the Communion Table, the Service shall follow the usual order.*

¶ *After the* Sermon, *silence should be kept for a space while each offers his private prayers to God; and, then, may be sung, the People still bowing down, the Hymn,* Veni, Creator Spiritus.

¶ *Thereafter, the Persons to be ordained and inducted shall present themselves before the Minister, who shall read a narrative of the proceedings connected with their election, and put the prescribed questions.*

DEARLY beloved, the Session of this Congregation, having felt the necessity of adding to the Eldership by the number of , duly called a meeting of the Congregation, by public announcement on two successive Sundays, for the evening of the th, 19 , whereat names were nominated for election; and the Congregation having made choice, in the mode most approved, of these persons, to wit, ——, ——, ——, who had previously intimated their willingness to accept the office; the Session forthwith sustained their election, and appointed this Lord's Day for

their Ordination and Induction ; to which solemn Act we now proceed, (there being no objections offered), in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority committed unto us in His Church.

¶ *Then turning to the* Elders-elect, *who shall stand up, the Minister shall say :*

BELOVED brethren, forasmuch as you have declared your willingness to take this Office upon you, I now require you to answer the following questions, appointed by the Church for those who are to be ordained as Elders.

1. Do you believe the Word of God as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the supreme Rule of faith and duty ?

Answer. I do.

2. Do you sincerely believe and accept, as in accordance with the Word of God, the doctrine and polity of this Church ?

Answer. I do.

3. Do you own and confess anew the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord ?

Answer. I do.

4. Do you engage, in the strength of Jesus Christ our Lord, to rule well your own house and faithfully to discharge the duties of the Elder's office among this people ?

Answer. I do.

5. And these things you profess and promise, through God's grace, as you shall be answerable to the Lord Jesus Christ, and as you would be accepted of Him at His glorious appearing ?

Answer. I do so profess and promise, the Lord being my Helper.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say to those who have been previously ordained (if any), and who are to be inducted only :*

AND you, beloved brethren, having already been ordained to the Office of Elder, you do now present yourselves in response to the call of this Congregation to be inducted again for the discharge of the active duties of your Office. You will therefore give answer to the following questions.

1. Do you still adhere to your assent given at the time of your Ordination to the questions prescribed by the Church ?

Answer. I do.

2. Do you accept the Office of Elder in this Congregation, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof ?

Answer. I do.

3. Do you promise to study the peace, unity and purity of the Church, as God shall enable you by His grace ?

Answer. I do.

¶ *The Elders-elect having answered the questions, the Minister shall address to the Congregation the following question :*

DO you, the members and adherents of this Congregation, acknowledge and receive these brethren as Ruling Elders, and do you promise to give them all due honour, encouragement and obedience in the Lord ?

If so be pleased to signify this by rising to your feet now.

℣ *Then, the People remaining standing, the Minister shall come to the Holy Table, and the Elders-elect having come forward, and standing, or kneeling before him, he shall proceed to set them apart to their sacred office by* Prayer.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast sanctified in all ages the men of Thy right hand, and set them apart for Thyself, to minister in Thy holy Temple ; hear us, we beseech Thee, on behalf of these Thy servants, who have been chosen and called by Thy people here to be Ruling Elders in Thy Church, and in this Congregation.

We thank Thee for the way in which Thou hast led them, and brought them to this hour ; for the ways, both secret and open, under Thy discipline and teaching, by which Thou hast been training them for Thy work and will. And we pray that in the days to come they may still be taught and led by Thee. Do Thou supply in them all that they may feel to be lacking, and give unto them all that Thou seest they need for the exercise of this sacred ministry.

And as we now, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, do ORDAIN these our brethren to the Office of Elder,

we commend them to Thee and to the Word of Thy Grace. May the Presence of the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls be with them, now and always. May the Holy Spirit dwell in them richly, as a Spirit of power and love; may Thy benediction rest on them now, as they kneel at Thy Holy Table, that by their faithfulness in life and duty they may have favour and influence with the people; that by their devotion to Thy will and service they may be ready, at all times, to comfort the afflicted, to support the weak, to restore the falling, and to feed the lambs of the flock.

Make and keep them pure in heart, unselfish and earnest in purpose, and lowly in personal claim, faithful in an unfaithful world, so that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, they may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

And as we now INDUCT these our brethren, to take part with us in this ministry, we beseech Thee to shed abroad Thy grace in the hearts of this people, that they may receive these Thy servants with all gladness and joy in the Holy Ghost; that they may render them all honour, encouragement and aid, as unto those who are set over them in the Lord, esteeming them highly in love for their work's sake, and being followers of them, even as they are of Christ. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the love of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and only Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *Prayer being ended, there shall be sung, without announcement, this* Blessing:

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee: the Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be

gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

IN the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority committed to us in His Church, we hereby declare you, ——, ——, to be duly ordained and set apart to the Office of Ruling Elder, and we further declare you, ——, to be duly inducted to the same Office in this Congregation, with all the rights and privileges belonging thereto.

In token whereof, we now give you the right hand of fellowship.

¶ *Here the Elders may, if convenient, follow the Minister in taking the newly admitted Elders by the hand.*

¶ *Then may be sung the Ordination* Hymn.

¶ *After which, the Minister shall give a solemn* Charge *to the newly ordained Elders and to the People.*

¶ *The Service may be suitably concluded by singing part of* Psalm 122.

The Benediction.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

¶ *To avoid confusion, it is fitting that the Session be constituted in the Vestry, before the Service begins.*

¶ *At the close of the Service, the Session retire to the Vestry, when the names of the new Elders are added to the Roll.*

The Order for

THE UNVEILING AND DEDICATION OF A TABLET OR OTHER MEMORIAL.

¶ *It is desirable that the earlier portion of the Service, including the Sermon, should be shortened.*

¶ *The Memorial should be covered with a suitable screen of cloth, which may easily be pulled aside.*

¶ *The Sermon being ended, the Hymn,* For all the saints, *or other appropriate Psalm or Hymn, shall be sung.*

¶ *During the singing of the Hymn, the Minister, accompanied by the parents or friends of the deceased, shall proceed to the spot where the Memorial is placed; and the music being ended, and the People still standing, he shall there make a statement relative to the person or persons in whose memory it has been set up.*

¶ *Then shall the Memorial be handed over to the care of the Church authorities, represented by the Minister, in the following words:* In the name of . . . . (or, In memory of . . .), we hand over this Memorial to your charge and keeping.

¶ *To which the Minister, as guardian, shall reply:*

WE accept the sacred trust, and shall guard it lovingly, in honour of the faithful and devoted life to whose memory it is set up.

¶ *Here the Memorial shall be unveiled, either by the Minister or some other. If by some other, the Minister may add the words.* And we request . . . . now to unveil it.

¶ *Then shall the Minister dedicate the Memorial :*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, I dedicate this Memorial to the glory of God, and as a tribute of affection to this noble and devoted life, in whose memory it is set up.

¶ (*If in memory of a soldier, these words may be added*) :

GREATER love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

¶ *Also, in this case, there may be sounded the Regimental Call and Last Post ; the Guard of Honour meanwhile standing at the salute.*

¶ *Here shall follow the* Dedication Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, without whom no word or work of ours availeth, but who deignest to accept the work of our hands, for the beautifying of Thy house ; we beseech Thee to grant us Thy grace and blessing, as we do now set apart this memorial to the glory of Thy Name, and in honour of Thy servant, who lived and died in the service of truth, and whom Thou hast called into rest.

We bless Thy Name for all that was *manly* and true, steadfast and devoted in the life of *him* whom we now remember ; for the noble example *he* has left us of faith and hope and duty : and we pray that the memory of *his* faith and devotion may stimulate all who behold this work to a like zeal and fearlessness in the warfare of daily life.

Almighty God, the Father of our spirits ; we remember at this time, with thanksgiving, all true

and righteous souls, especially those known and dear to our hearts, who in their day and generation witnessed a good confession, whose memorial Thou hast set on high, and whose names Thou hast made to shine as the stars for ever. We would keep our love for them unwasted and unchanged, till we meet them again in a fairer world. Comfort us with great assurance as we think of them in this quiet hour. And may we who remain draw nearer to each other in all helpful sympathy and service, while for us the light shines and the darkness lingers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Whereupon, all shall return to their places.*

¶ *Here may follow an Address.*

¶ *Thereafter, may be said the following* Prayer.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who didst weep by the grave of Lazarus, and who knowest all human sorrow; we pray for those who have felt sorest and heaviest this loss: that in their darkness Thy light may shine, in their loneliness they may have Thy Presence, and, in their sorrow the peace that passeth understanding; and unto Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be glory in the Church, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung* Paraphrase lxvi., *or a Hymn, followed by the* Benediction.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Order for

LAYING THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF A CHURCH.

¶ *The People being assembled at the place where the Church is to be built, the Minister shall say :*

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee.

¶ *Then may be sung a suitable Psalm, or the* Hymn, [Now thank we all our God.]

¶ *Then shall be read the* Lesson (1 *Chron.* xxix., 10-18).

¶ *Then may be said the following* Prayer :

O LORD our God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance ; guard the fulness of Thy Church ; sanctify those who in love come to greet the beauty of Thy house ; glorify us, O Lord, by Thy Divine power, and forsake not those who put their trust in Thee ; for Thine is the power, and the dominion, and the glory, world without end ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this :

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help ; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be said* the Apostles' Creed :

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth : and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell ; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost ; the holy Catholic Church ; the communion of saints ; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow the*

Laying of the Stone.

¶ *After the Stone has been truly laid, the Minister shall say :*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we lay this corner-stone of a house to be erected under the name of . . . . Church, and devoted to the worship of Almighty God.

Behold I lay in Zion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious ; and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded.

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid : which is Jesus Christ.

¶ *Then shall be said* The Prayer of Dedication.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whom of old the foundations of the earth were laid, we beseech Thee to prosper this work of our hands, which we have undertaken for the upbuilding of Thy kingdom and the glory of Thy Church ; and to this end, do Thou establish this stone which we now place in Thy Name.

Blessed be Thou, O Lord God, who hast put it into the hearts of Thy servants to build an house in which Thy Name may be worshipped, Thy Gospel preached and Thy holy Sacraments administered for the comfort and salvation of men.

Be pleased to accept the humble offering of Thy servants and fulfil the desires of their hearts ; that their work may be finished in strength and beauty, without accident, without loss of life or limb to those who labour with their hands upon it ; and grant unto them, and all of us here present, Thy heavenly grace, that our gifts and all our service may be sanctified ; and we may become in soul and body living temples of the Holy Ghost. All which we ask through the abundant merits of our Lord and Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Here an* Address *may be given ; after which the* Offering *may be received, and dedicated.*

¶ *Then may be sung a Hymn, or the following* Psalm (lxxii., 17-19).

[His name for ever shall endure ;]

The Benediction.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

¶ *It is fitting that all Ministers, whether officiating or not, should be present at this Service, and should wear their robes of office.*

The Order for

THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH.

¶ *Before the doors of the Church have been declared open, the Choir shall be seated in their proper places.*

¶ *After the opening ceremony (if there be such) has been concluded, the Presbyters and People shall proceed in order up the aisle, the Choir meanwhile singing the following* Psalm :

[Ye gates, lift up your heads on high ;
Ye doors that last for aye,
Be lifted up that so the King
Of Glory enter may. (*Psalm* xxiv., 7-10).]

¶ *Or, if so desired, the Choir and People, standing without the Church, may sing the* Hundredth Psalm, *and at the words,*

[O enter then His gates with praise,]

the doors shall be opened and entrance be made into the Church, the Choir and People still singing.

¶ *Then, the People remaining standing, the presiding Presbyter shall say :*

BEHOLD the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

¶ *Then shall be said the* Prayers *of Invocation, Confession and Thanksgiving.*

¶ *After that may be sung a Psalm, or Hymn.*

¶ *Then shall be read the* Lesson (1 *Kings*, viii., 12-30 ; or *Ephesians*, ii. 4-22).

¶ *Here may follow* the Apostles' Creed, *said by the people standing :*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth : and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell ; the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost ; the holy Catholic Church ; the communion of saints ; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE ACT OF DEDICATION.

¶ *The people still remaining standing, the presiding Minister shall say these Words of Dedication :*

MOST Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity : three Persons and one God ;

To thee we dedicate this house.

O God, the Father, Creator of Heaven and earth ;

To thee we dedicate this house.

O God the Son, Redeemer and Lover of men ;

To thee we dedicate this house.

O God, the Holy Ghost, Spirit of Truth, Holy and Life-giving :

TO THEE WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

¶ *Then shall the presiding Minister say :*

NOW have I chosen and sanctified this House, saith the Lord, that My Name may be there forever. The Lord send thee help from the Sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion.

Arise, O Lord, unto Thy rest, Thou and the ark of Thy strength. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Thy people shout for joy. Put Thy Name in this place. Let Thine eyes be open towards it ; and hearken unto the supplications of Thy people when they pray in this place, and hear Thou in Heaven Thy dwelling place, and when Thou hearest, forgive. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* Prayer of Dedication.

ALMIGHTY God, who dwellest not in temples made with hands, who lovest the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob : accept, we beseech Thee, the offering of this House, which Thy people have builded to Thy glory and praise. Out of the multitude of Thy gifts we have raised this House to Thy Name, that we may worship Thee in company, and learn to walk in Thy ways. Open Thou our lips, that our mouth may show forth Thy praise. Pour upon us the Spirit of grace and supplication, and continue unto us Thy loving kindness, that we may rejoice and be glad in Thee all our days.

Eternal Father, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy ; accept, we beseech Thee, our

offering of gratitude, and have regard to the desires of our hearts. We rejoice that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to furnish this tabernacle for Thy honour and worship, and for the good comfort of Thy children. Bless them in their families and in their substance, and remember them concerning this that they have done.

O God, the ever-blessed Trinity, to Thee we dedicate this House, to be henceforth the House of God, and a Gate of heaven. To Thee we set it apart from all common and worldly use, for a temple and a sanctuary. Peace be within these walls! Peace be to all who enter here!

Consecrate this House, most Holy God, as the place where Thy Gospel shall be preached, where the prayers of the Church shall be made to Thee without ceasing, and the desires of Thy children made known continually; where Thy high praises shall be devoutly sung, and the Sacraments of Thy Word duly administered. Let Thy ministers be clothed with righteousness and let Thy people shout for joy. Establish, O Lord, the work of our hands; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

O God, the Refuge of Thy children in all generations, we pray that to this Sanctuary Thy little ones may love to come, and may ever be made welcome. Here may the weak renew their strength, and hither may the aged turn their footsteps to find the rest of God, and light at eventide. Here may the poor and needy find friends; the tempted succour; the sorrowing comfort; and the bereaved eternal hope.

When Thy holy Word is preached in this place, may it go forth as fire, to the quickening of souls and the kindling and purifying of hearts. Abundantly bless Thy servant who is given charge of this people: strengthen his hands for the work, and rejoice his spirit with the fruit of his labour. O most loving Father, reveal Thy power and glory in this place. Let Jesus Christ be glorified in the lives of this people as their Lord and King; and may the blessings of His life and death be sealed to them in the Sacrament of His last Testament, through the life-giving power of Thy Holy Spirit.

Remember, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, Thy holy Church throughout the world. For the peace that is from above and the loving-kindness of our God; we beseech Thee, O Lord; for the peace of the whole world and the unity of the Church; we beseech Thee, O Lord; for the salvation of our souls and the succour of all Christ-loving people, we beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord; for the sake of Him who has taught us to pray:

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Here the* Offering *may be received, and dedicated with Prayer.*

¶ *Then may be sung* Te Deum Laudamus, *the* Ter Sanctus, *or other Hymn.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* Sermon.

¶ *After the Sermon may be said the following* Prayer :

LET us give thanks unto the Doer of good, and the merciful God, the Father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ ; for He hath sheltered us, He hath succoured us, He hath kept us, He hath redeemed us unto Himself, He hath spared us, He hath helped us, He hath brought us to this hour. Let us therefore pray Him that He may keep us this day, and all the days of our life, in peace ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung a Hymn, or* Psalm cxxii., 6-9.

¶ *Then the Moderator shall give the* Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

¶ *It is fitting that all Ministers, whether officiating or not, should be present at this Service, and should wear their robes of office.*

SERVICE FOR THE SICK.

¶ *Any one of the following passages from Scripture may be read :* Psalms, xxv., xxxii. 1-7, xxxiv., cxxi ; St. John, v. 1-21 ; Romans, viii. 31 ff ; 2 Cor., iv. 6 ff. ; Hebrews, xii. 1-7 and 11-13 ; St. James, v. 7-16.

¶ *Then the Minister, laying his hand upon the head of the sick, if he be so minded, shall pray over* him *in some such words as these :*

LORD, *he* whom Thou lovest is sick. We bring *him* into Thy Presence that Thou mayest lay Thy hand upon *him*, to quicken and restore *him* to life and health. Thou art the Saviour of our bodies as of our souls, and all our life is from Thee. To Thee belongeth power on earth as in heaven : put forth Thy power for *him*. Say unto *him*, " Be it unto Thee even as thou wilt " ; and show *him* Thy Salvation.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst so marvellously heal and save those who were brought unto Thee in the days of Thy flesh ; come to inspire with Thine own healing virtue the body and soul of Thy servant, that *he* may not die but live to declare Thy wonderful works and to sing Thy praise. We believe that Thy hand is not shortened, nor Thy pity less. Thou art the same to-day as yesterday, the same to bless, to heal and to save. This we believe. Help Thou our unbelief. And to Thy name be the glory for ever. *Amen.*

SERVICE FOR THE DYING.

¶ *The Minister may speak some such comforting words as these :*

OUT of the depths do I cry unto Thee, O Lord ; Lord hear my voice. O Lord make haste to help me : for the waters are come in, even unto my soul. Forsake me not, when my strength faileth me. Into Thy Hands I commend my spirit : for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. The Lord is my light and my salvation : whom shall I fear ? The Lord is the strength of my life : of whom shall I be afraid ? This God is my God for ever and ever : He shall be my guide even unto death. He will guide me with His counsel ; and after that receive me into glory. My flesh and my heart faileth : but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for Thou art with me : Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou wilt show me the path of life : in Thy presence is fulness of joy : at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness : I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.

Let not your heart be troubled : ye believe in God : believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions : if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself ; that where I am there ye may be also.

Because I live, ye shall live also.

So whether we live, we live unto the Lord ; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord ; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creation, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

(*Alternative readings :* Psalm xxiii ; 2 Cor., v. 1-8 ; Rev., xxii. 1-5.)

¶ *Then the Minister may say :*

THE mercies of the Lord are from everlasting to everlasting.

O Lord, save the soul of Thy servant, who putteth *his* trust in Thee. Send *him* help from above, for it is not in the power of man to help *him*. Speak the word of pardon and peace to his soul, and bid *him* come to Thee.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world ; take away *his* sins. Take away all *his* iniquity and receive *him* graciously. Suffer *him* not in the last hour, through any pain or fear of death, to fall away from Thee ; but let Thine everlasting arms be around *him* to bear *him* up and bring *him* through the darkness, into the place of light perpetual and rest everlasting ; and this, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus, receive *his* spirit. *Amen.*

Father into Thy Hands we commend *his* spirit; Thou hast redeemed *him*, O Lord God of truth. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING FOR RECOVERY.

¶ *Any one of the following passages may be read:*

Isaiah, xxxviii; Psalms ciii., cxvi., cxxvi., cxxxviii; St. John, viii. 1-15; St. John, xv. 1-11; Romans, xi. 29-36 and xii. 1-2; Philip, iv. 4-13; Colos., iii. 12-17; 1 Peter, i. 3-9.

¶ *Then the Minister may say:*

BLESSED be Thou, O Lord God, the Giver of Life, for having delivered from sickness this Thy servant.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who forgiveth all thy iniquities: who healeth all thy diseases: who redeemeth thy life from destruction: who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies.

O most gracious God, who of Thy great mercy hast turned the shadow of death into the light of the morning; receive the thanksgiving which is thus offered before Thee. Perfect the good work which Thou hast begun; and grant that, under Thy discipline and teaching, this life which Thou hast spared may ever be devoted to Thee, and from this time henceforth, be spent in Thy service, to the praise of Thy glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

ADVENT.

Sentences. IT is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent and the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace at this time that we may cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light: looking for and hasting unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Make a way for us to work for Thee, and make us ready for that work in heart and life, prepared for all Thy perfect will; that when Christ, who is our Life, shall appear, we shall also appear with Him in glory everlasting. So help us and bless us in Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who didst prepare of old the minds and hearts of men for the coming of Thy Son, and whose Spirit ever worketh to illumine our darkened lives with the light of His Gospel; prepare now our minds and hearts, we beseech Thee, that Christ may dwell within us, and ever reign in our thoughts and affections as the King of Love, and the very Prince of Peace. Grant this, we pray Thee, for His sake. *Amen.*

LAST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

Sentences. LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Unto Thee, do we lift up our souls. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us; as our hope is in Thee.

O GOD, the Searcher of hearts, in whom there is no darkness and from whom our sins cannot be hid; we humble ourselves before Thee and implore Thy mercy. We confess that we have been disobedient, foolish and deceived: unthankful for Thy mercies, mistrustful of Thy promises and unfaithful to Thy commandments. O Thou who seest in very truth, look mercifully upon us. Lay Thy healing hand upon our wounds. Pour the life-giving balm of Thy love into our hearts, and ransom us from the shame of our many falls; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty and Eternal God, with whom one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day; we acknowledge with humble thankfulness Thy faithful remembrance of us in the past.

We bless Thee for the opportunities afforded by Thy gracious Providence which we have been able to use, and also for those which through our frailty and sinfulness we have neglected. And since Thy mercies are ever new, let the coming year be to us a year of grace and of salvation. Have pity upon us in our finitude, whose days are as grass; deliver us from vain hopes and repinings, and unite us in fellowship with Thee, who art the same to-day, yesterday and for ever. *Amen.*

O LORD God of time and eternity, who makest us creatures of time to the end that when time is over we may attain to Thy blessed eternity; with time, Thy gift, give us also wisdom to redeem the time, lest our day of grace be lost; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the first and the last, who hast been our dwelling place in all generations; have mercy upon us as we come seeking the light of Thy Face in the darkening shadows of the closing year. We thank Thee for all that it has brought to us of mercy and truth, and for the ways by which we have been led hitherto. Let not the experience of our past days be lost upon us. Deepen in our minds every lesson of faith and duty which Thou hast been teaching us. Receive our sorrow for our sins, and in Thine infinite mercy blot them out of the book of Thy remembrance. Take from our hearts every veil that would hide from us the shining of the heavenly light; that, in singleness of heart and with steadfast purpose, we may love and seek Thee always and everywhere, in the life that now is; and may at length find Thee and for ever hold Thee fast, in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Sentences. O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever.

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone hast immortality and whose years know no change; we thank Thee that of Thy goodness Thou hast spared us and brought us to this hour. We remember with grateful hearts Thy great mercy which has followed us through the year that is gone. Still lead us by the hand; still guide us by Thy Spirit, and leave us not to ourselves, Thou good Shepherd of our souls. Prepare us, we beseech Thee, for the coming days. Let Thy grace enlighten our darkness and strengthen our weakness. Help us to forget the sins and sorrows of the past, cherishing only the wisdom and humility which they may have taught us. Inspire us with new purposes and new hopes; renew in us the love of that which alone makes life worth living. Enable us to discern the solemn meaning of our earthly days, and the high and sacred purpose for which they are given. Suffer us not to be unfaithful to Thee, but grant us grace to follow Thee to the end of the world.

Almighty Father, unfailing Source of light and mercy; graciously protect and conduct us through the uncertainties of this new year of our earthly pilgrimage; prepare us for its duties and trials,

its joys and sorrows. Help us to watch and pray, and to be always ready like those who wait for their Lord. And grant that every change, whether it be of prosperity or adversity, of life or death, may bring us nearer to Thee, and to that great eternal year of joy and rest, which awaits the faithful in Thy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CHRISTMAS.

Sentences. BEHOLD I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Thine only Son Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast wrought the redemption of man, after a marvellous manner, in sending Thine only Son to take our nature upon Him, and to bear our sins; grant that as on this day we welcome Him, His Presence may shed abroad in our hearts the light

of heavenly peace and joy. Open up more and more the knowledge of His salvation, that in all places of the earth His Name may be worshipped and glorified. And help us so to celebrate this day, that our keeping of Christmas may be a blessing to our souls, a memorial of Christ, a benefit to our fellowmen and a thanksgiving unto Thee ; through the self same Son, our only Saviour. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast revealed the glory of Thy love in the face of Jesus Christ, and hast called us by Him to live with Thee as children; let the Dayspring from on high visit us, and the Day-star arise in our hearts. May the Spirit of Jesus be born in us anew, teaching our love to remember, our anger to forgive, our unkindness to forget ; that something of His beauty may be upon us, and that His grace may be shed abroad in our hearts. Make us compassionate one toward another, merciful, tender-hearted, forgiving one another : even as Thou, O God, art compassionate toward us, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin ; for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Saviour. *Amen.*

O GOD, who didst ordain Thine only-begotten Son to be the Saviour of the world and didst command that His Name should be called Jesus ; mercifully grant that as we do love and honour His holy Name on earth, so we may evermore enjoy the vision of Him in heaven ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GOOD FRIDAY.

Sentences. IS it nothing to you all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow.

God commendeth His love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast set us in the fellowship of Thy Son, Jesus Christ; be near to us in this hour of solemn meditation. Touch our hearts with sacred memories and immortal hopes. Give us to know the power of that death which this day commemorates. Help us to take up our cross and follow Christ, and to have such fellowship with Him in His sorrows, that we may know the secret of His strength and peace. Here and now may every selfish passion and desire be quiet, and may the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep our thoughts in Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

EVERLASTING Father, who of Thy tender love toward mankind hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and that in the form of a servant, and to suffer death, even the death of the Cross, for our redemption; mercifully grant that this mind may be in us which was also in Him, that we may both follow the example of His humble obedience and patient suffering, and also be made partakers of His glorious Resurrection, to live with Thee for ever. Grant this for the love of Christ, Thy Son, our only Saviour. *Amen.*

EASTER DAY.

Sentences. THIS is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Christ is risen; He is risen indeed. Because He lives, we shall live also. O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

O LORD Jesu Christ, the true Paschal Lamb, who according to Thy Word didst rise the third day from the grave, who through Thy Resurrection hast given us the sure hope of eternal life, who wilt come again in the end of time to judge the quick and the dead; we sinners do beseech Thee to hear us:

That we may truly rise from the grave of our sins;

That we may conquer our evil desires, and die to our sins;

That we may grow in knowledge and love of Thy holy teaching;

That we may serve Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life;

That our sorrows may, like Thine, one day be turned into eternal joy;

That we may not seek after things on earth but things in heaven;

That we may awake at length from the sleep of death to the Resurrection of eternal life;

That when Thou, who art our Life, shalt appear, we may also appear with Thee in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

SPIRIT of all grace and benediction, Father of Jesus Christ and our Father, Creator of these dying bodies, Life and Light of these undying souls; help us to rise above the earthly to the heavenly; with Christ dying unto sin, and living only unto Thee; and from the light of a true life here passing at length into that Presence, where there is fulness of joy and peace evermore; grant this, O Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WHITSUNDAY.

ETERNAL God, the Lord and Giver of life, who as on this day didst send Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy Church, and hast promised that He shall dwell in it for ever; let the same Spirit lead us into all truth, defend us from all sin, enrich us with His gifts, comfort us with His grace, and rule in our hearts for ever; that we, living by Thy Spirit and walking in Him, may by Him be sealed unto the day of our redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SAINT ANDREW'S DAY.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto Thy holy apostle Andrew, that he

readily obeyed the calling of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him without delay; grant unto us all, that we being called by Thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to follow Thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR A SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, by Thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the first Assembly of the Apostles and Elders at Jerusalem, and dost still inhabit the whole company of the faithful; mercifully regard, we beseech Thee, Thy servants chosen and gathered before Thee, at this time, as a chief Court and Council of Thy Church. Shed down upon them all heavenly wisdom and grace; enlighten them with true knowledge of Thy Word; inspire them with a pure zeal for Thy glory; and so order all their doings through Thy good Spirit, that unity and peace shall prevail among them; that truth and righteousness may flow forth from them; and that, by their endeavours, all Thy ministers and congregations may be established and comforted, Thy Gospel everywhere purely preached and truly followed, Thy kingdom among men extended and strengthened, and the whole body of Thine elect people grow up into Him, who is Head over all things, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

FOR A MEETING OF PRESBYTERY.

ALMIGHTY God, who through the Apostles of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, didst order the governance of Thy flock, causing Elders to be ordained in every church, both to teach and to rule; send now Thy blessing upon this Presbytery, assembled in Thy Name. Forasmuch as Thou hast called us to serve Thee, and art entrusting unto us the work of Thy kingdom; grant that we may be faithful stewards, even in that which is least. Help us to hallow Thy Name by our reverence for the things that Thou lovest, and to guard our trust by our love to one another and to Thee. Direct and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, preserving us from hasty judgment and vain dispute, guiding us both to devise and do those things which shall be for the good of the Church and the glory of Thy Son, our only King and Saviour. And now, as in His Name we constitute ourselves as a Court of this Church, extend Thy favour and goodness upon us, and set Thy seal to the work of our hands. Constitute Thou us what Thou requirest; endow us with what Thou desirest. Give us royal hearts to give ourselves to Thee: priestly hearts to sacrifice ourselves to Thee, holding nothing back; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory in the Church, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

FOR A MEETING OF KIRK SESSION.

ETERNAL God, the only Founder and Keeper of Thy Church, who hast, of Thy free mercy, received us into the communion of Thy well-beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; send Thy Holy Spirit upon us, that we, whom Thou hast ordained to guard the fulness of Thy pure Church, being comforted by Thy most holy Word, and strengthened and confirmed by Thy sacraments, may serve and glorify Thee in all holiness and purity of life. And now, may the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, one God, rest upon us and the work of our hands, as we constitute ourselves a Court of this church, in the Name of our only King and Head, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

FOR A MEETING OF DEACON'S COURT
OR
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, who hast chosen Thy Church, among the nations of the world, for the better manifesting of Thy Name, and hast received us of Thy free mercy into that beloved community; grant that we, who are bound together in one holy purpose, may be of one mind and heart. Let there be no root of

bitterness among us, no emulation, nothing done for vain-glory. Grant that each may esteem the other better than himself, and be ready to take the lowest place, and to be the servant of all. So let us have joy in our work, and in our fellowship one with another: seeking only the peace and prosperity of the Church, and the glory of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given unto Thy servants diversities of gifts by the same Spirit, and hast taught us by Thy holy apostle that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; be pleased to bless and prosper every good work whereunto Thou hast appointed us. Suffer us not to be unworthy of our trust, but grant us strength to make our love fruitful in service. Give us true humility and unfailing charity, grace to bear one another's burdens, to deny ourselves, and to do good unto all as we have opportunity. So may we fill our days with thoughts of kindness, words of cheer and works of mercy; that we may become each day, if it be but a little, more like Him who has shown us what life can be, when it is lived in the service of others, and in obedience of the law of love. Grant this, O Father, for the love of Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

FOR A WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

ALMIGHTY God, who in the life and teaching of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, hast shown us the true way of blessedness ; grant us grace to follow Him, without fear and without shame, in the strength of patience and the constancy of faith. Make clean our hearts within us, that we may the better see what Thou art showing us, hear what Thou art telling us, and do what Thou art bidding us. Admit us to the company of the faithful, and make us fellow-workers with Thee in comforting the lonely, helping the helpless, with a sympathy that is wise and healing. Strengthen the hands and increase the number of those who are fighting for purity and truth, mercy and loving kindness ; that in Thy Name they may go forward to conquer evil and to redeem the world. Nearer and nearer may Thy kingdom come, brightening the lives of old and young, and touching with hope the sorrows of men. So help us and bless us in Thy Son. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

MERCIFUL God, who hast called us to serve Thee with a holy service in this present world ; grant unto us, the members of this Association, to love the things which Thou commandest, and faithfully to perform the same. Teach us that it is better to give than to receive ; to minister than to be ministered unto : to comfort than to be comforted : to understand than to be understood : to love than to be loved ; for, it is in giving that

we receive : it is in losing that we find : it is in forgiving that we are forgiven : it is in dying that we rise to the life eternal ; according to the way and example of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

O GOD, who art love and dwellest in love ; teach us herein to be followers of Thee, that we may be the children of our Father which is in heaven. Make us ambassadors of Thy mercy and messengers of Thy peace.

Where there is sin, may we bring Thy pardon :
Where there is darkness, may we bring Thy light :
Where there is hatred, may we bring love :
Where there is doubt, may we bring faith :
Where there is despair, may we bring hope :
Where there is sadness, may we bring joy.

Give us love, above all gifts, that we may love Thee supremely as we ought, and others as Thou lovest us ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

ALMIGHTY God, Father everlasting, whose goodness hast loved us into life and in whose image we are made ; grant us Thy grace, as we seek communion with Thee in righteousness of life and beauty of character. Make us holy even as Thou art holy, perfect with the perfection of our Father in heaven. Cause our hearts fervently to desire things pure and good, and fervently to hate everything that is unworthy and unlovely. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

O GOD of love, mercifully help us to consecrate our lives to Thee and to the service of Thy Church. In word and deed may we manifest the spirit of Him by whom we live. In our daily life and labour, may we be faithful to every intimation of Thy will; so that, having glorified Thee on the earth and finished the work Thou hast given us to do, we may obtain the victory over all our weakness, and reign with Thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

O GOD, who hast been our help in times past; we pray Thee to be with us still, and to pour upon us more of Thy good Spirit, that our lives may be abundantly blessed in the service of others. Give us to know that all things may be ours in Christ Jesus, all opportunity of knowing and doing good, of growing in wisdom and in the knowledge and love of Thee, and of finding in Thee our true freedom and joy.

Bless the Association in which we are joined together, for a holy purpose. Grant that our work here may count for good to others, both now and in the days to come. Let not our time or strength be spent in vain. Make plain the path of duty before us and help us to walk in it. May all that we do be well-pleasing unto Thee, and may we adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. So shall we bear much fruit to Thy glory and joy: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who art beyond the reach of our highest thought, and yet within the heart of the lowliest; we pray Thee to come to us

in all the beauty of light, in all the tenderness of love, in all the liberty of truth, and make Thyself known to us. Mercifully help us in the struggle to be pure and good ; encourage us in every effort to be true, loyal and loving ; to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with Thee. Sanctify all our desires and purposes, and upon each of us let Thy blessing rest.

Confirm us all in our most holy faith ; enlarge our hearts and extend the range of our vision,that we may grasp Thy great purpose for the world. Teach us, as individuals and as an Association, what we ought to do, and give us a wise and humble spirit for learning. Help us, faithfully and simply, to do the mission appointed for us in this world, that we may become prepared for the greater mission, now unknown. Lord, remember Thy Church for good ; its ministers, missionaries and members. Give such knowledge of Thy Word to those whose lives are meant to speak Thy truth, that the good seed may be sown and grow and be fruitful in the hearts of all Thy people, to the glory of Thy Name. Let Thy Spirit be with us in all our work ; and may our lives be so hid with Christ, that they will shine with His beauty and be a witness to His grace.

And this we ask for His Name's sake. *Amen.*

O GOD, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth ; we pray Thee to renew our faith, our hope and our love, and to lead us in the paths of uprightness, for Thy Name's sake. All power belongeth unto Thee, and we are Thy creatures. In Thy wisdom is our rest ; in Thy will is our peace.

Prosper us, O Lord, in the work we do for Thee. Overcome in us any want of heart, or any refusal to take our share of hardship. Give us courage to suffer in Thy cause, and to scorn the way of safety or of ease, so that Thy will be done. Guide us to do the best for Thee, for Thy Church and Kingdom. Only make us sure of Thy will, and then our duty shall become plain; and all our work shall be begun, continued and ended in Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TEACH us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR A CHOIR BEFORE SERVICE.

Morning.

Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips;
Choir. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

O GOD, who hast given us to serve Thee in Thy sanctuary; prepare us in mind and heart to assist, heartily and devoutly, in the worship of Thy Church. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts; and that what we believe in our hearts we may practise in our

lives, and ever glorify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

ALMIGHTY Father, we pray Thee to send Thy grace into our hearts this day, that we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Quicken Thou us according to Thy Word, so we will call upon Thy Name. Make us more worthy to lead the praises of Thy Church; and make our worship more sincere and perfect every day; that, at last, we may be numbered with those who stand before Thy Throne, and serve Thee day and night in Thy heavenly Temple; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

EVENING.

Minister. It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord;

Choir. And to sing praises unto the Name of the Most High.

ALMIGHTY Father, who dwellest with the humble and contrite, and seekest such to worship Thee; cleanse us now from all our sin and keep us undefiled, that our evening songs may arise unto Thee from hearts that are holy, and from lips that are pure; that all our worship begun in Thee, may in Thee be ended, to the honour and glory of Thy holy Name. *Amen.*

Or this:

O LORD, open Thou our lips and purify our hearts, that we may worthily magnify Thy holy Name. Make us reverent in thought, word

and act, and keep us in Thy mercy from lip-service and empty forms. Help us to worship Thee by righteous deeds and lives of holiness; that our prayer also may be set forth in Thy sight as the incense, and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR A SCHOOL OR COLLEGE.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, by whose Spirit we have understanding, and who givest wisdom to all that ask Thee; grant Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, to all who serve Thee here, whether as teachers or learners, and help us in the work Thou hast given us to do. Enable us to labour diligently and faithfully, not with eye-service, but in singleness of heart, remembering that without Thee we can do nothing, and that in Thy fear is the beginning of wisdom. May we set Thy holy will ever before us, and do that which is well-pleasing in Thy sight, that so our work here may count for good to others, both now and in the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

FATHER of lights and Fountain of all knowledge; vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to enlighten the minds and purify the hearts of all who sincerely love and seek the truth, that with joy

they may find it, and, having found it, may hold it fast. Open Thou our eyes to know Thy marvellous works, to search our own spirits, and to understand the wondrous things of Thy law. Of Thy great goodness pour into our hearts the excellent gift of charity, and grant that in meekness and purity we may ever glorify Thee, in the spirit of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

ETERNAL God, in whose light we see light, and in whose service is perfect freedom; grant us the knowledge, the desire, and the power to fulfil as we ought all that Thou requirest us to do. Give us pure minds and constant hearts, that no evil may corrupt us, and that no deceit may mislead us. Let us be courteous, considerate, and kind, that neither work nor weariness may ever cause us to be ungentle or discontented, unthankful or uneasy to those who minister to us. Teach us how to live, how to love, how to labour, how to pray, in the faith and spirit of Him who is our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

MOST merciful God, who art ever more ready to bestow Thy blessings upon us than we are to seek them; help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may receive. Not for things do we pray, but for the gifts of Thy Spirit: for righteousness of life and beauty of character. Grant us Thy grace, we beseech Thee, that we may keep our bodies in health, our minds clear, and our affections pure. Give us the rule

over our own spirits that we may be swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to wrath; and give us strength to grow in the knowledge of Thy will and the love thereof, for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

O LORD, Thou greatest and most true Light, which dost lighten every man that cometh into the world; enlighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, and enrich our understandings: that we, being so illumined, may be safely led through the dark and doubtful ways of life, and be enabled wisely to search out and perfectly to fulfil all that is well-pleasing unto Thee. Of Thy goodness give us, with Thy love inspire us, by Thy Spirit guide us, by Thy power protect us, in Thy mercy receive us, now and always. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

O LORD, Thou knowest how busy we must be this day; if we forget Thee, do not Thou forget us; for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O THOU, with whom is the Fountain of life, and without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; be pleased to bless and prosper all who serve Thee in this school; that those who teach may be taught of Thee, and those who learn may be led by Thy Spirit; and grant that by the increase of knowledge Thy truth may be confirmed, and Thy glory manifested; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

GRANT, O Lord, that this day which Thou hast given us in Thy mercy, may be returned unto Thee in service. As Thou hast guarded us during the helpless hours of sleep, so do Thou guide us during the appointed hours of labour; that all our tasks may be gladly and faithfully performed, as in Thy sight; that our burdens may not be too heavy for us, because of Thy help to aid us; and that in nothing we may displease Thee, or injure one another. But if in anything we do fail or come short, through ignorance or weakness, let Thy Fatherly wisdom correct us, and Thine infinite mercy forgive us, and Thy divine love amend our fault; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

O GOD, who seest all we do, and who by Thy blessing bringest honest labour to good effect; look with mercy upon all the work we have in hand. Let it be begun, continued and ended in Thee. Let no weakness of ours hinder its usefulness, but let Thy blessing be with us in our going out and coming in. If we fail, let us not be downcast, but by Thy grace may we rise up and try again; that we may be able to finish what Thou hast granted us the wish to begin. So help us, Lord, in this and all work done for Thee; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Master. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

O GOD, by whose Providence we are spared; look with favour upon us who are about to enter upon the duties of a new day. May nothing

distract us in our work, or tempt us to be disloyal to Thee; but grant that, as ever in Thy sight, we may be faithful stewards even in that which is least. Make and keep us strong in the desire to uphold righteousness, purity and truth, and to be above reproach in all our thoughts and actions. And, in Thy mercy, save us from dishonouring Thee by any secret or open sin. And this we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

O GOD, our Father, who hast promised that as our days are so shall our strength be; we pray Thee to guide and support us this day in all that we may be called upon to do. Suffer us not to be tempted above that we are able. Direct our thoughts towards the things that are true, honest, pure and lovely, and help us to keep thinking of these things. May we put conscience and heart into all our tasks. And enable us, at all times, and in all places, to be eager to work, glad to be alive, and grateful to be the children of Thy care and love. For Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

O GOD, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift; we thank Thee for this new day, which comes pure and clean from Thy hand. May we keep it so, passing through its hours without hurt or sickness; without stumbling or without stain; and return it to Thee, not only without shame, but so filled with honest and earnest labour, that it shall be pleasing to Thee and to those with whom we have to do. May we have a

real inclination to do Thy will, loving the right and hating the wrong. Prosper us in our studies and lead us ever onward and upward. Give us the wages of going on, the hope of those who seek and the joy of those who find. And, above all, bring us to a fuller knowledge of Thee, whom to know is life, whom to love is joy, and whom to serve is perfect freedom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

O LORD of Truth, whom to know is everlasting life and to serve is perfect freedom; grant that we may draw near to Thee in thought, word and deed. Inspire us with the love of thy creatures and thy laws, that in all humility and teachableness, with patience and understanding, by honest and earnest labour, we may seek after knowledge as a blessing that cometh from Thee. Whether it be our part to teach or learn, to rule or obey, make us feel Thy presence in our several duties, filling us with reverence for the beauty and wonder of Thy universe, and pouring on us a spirit of justice, gentleness and mutual goodwill. Thus, by Thy grace, may we so use this house of learning, that we may prepare our powers of body, mind, and spirit, to advance the good of men and the glory of God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

O GOD, the Father of us all, who hast made this world so beautiful and life at its fullest so fine a thing; grant that everywhere there may be

open ways and peace and freedom, from end to end of the earth. Restrain every selfish ambition or temper which makes for war. Strengthen the hands and increase the number of those who are striving for justice and truth, mercy and loving-kindness. And within this realm of divers races and confederate peoples, we pray that peace may reign and the blessing of the Lord that maketh rich, with more than temporal good. Inspire all with a spirit of sympathy, obedience and willing service. Make us tolerant of those who are of a different race or colour from ourselves, remembering that, as Thou hast joined us in one great commonwealth of nations, for the service of the world, we must learn to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with Thee, our God. We pray for our King, our country and our rulers; for all who by their writing or speaking mould public opinion: for all who add to the beauty and joy of life by their music or art; for all who by their teaching quicken and train the mind of youth, that, realising their sacred trust, they may faithfully discharge all that Thou hast given them the desire and power to do. So, by the increase of knowledge, may Thy truth be confirmed and Thy glory manifested; through Him who is the Truth, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

O LORD God of Light, who didst cause Thy Spirit from the beginning to brood in the darkness on the face of the deep; visit our hearts this day, we beseech Thee, with the Sun of Righteousness, that we, discerning the evil of our nature

and the glory of Thy divine goodness, may shake off the sloth and slumber of sin, and fleeing unto Thee, the only true Helper, may find in Thee forgiveness and peace : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

GIVER of all good, whose desire it is that all should come to a knowledge of the truth ; help us to love that which is good ; to hate evil ; to be fair in play, earnest in work, and faithful even in that which is least. Make us kindly in thought, gentle in word, generous in deed. Teach us that it is better to give than to receive, better to minister than to be ministered unto : for it is in giving that we receive : it is in losing that we find, it is in dying to self that we rise to the life eternal : according to the way and example of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

AFTERNOON AND EVENING PRAYERS.

O LORD God of Life, who dost quicken the souls of men with Thy regenerating spirit, and hast promised that Thou wilt never turn Thy face away from them that turn to Thee in penitence and faith ; suffer us not, we beseech Thee, to forget the faults and short-comings of this passing day till we have repented and besought Thy pardon.

Cleanse our hearts from every stain of impure thought and from all suggestion of evil.

Chasten us, but in Thy mercy, that we may amend our lives. If we have done wrong to others, help us to undo it. If we have slipped, permit us not to fall; if we have fallen, raise us up, and strengthen and purify us in the blood of Christ our Saviour, who bore our sins that we might cease from sinning, who died that we might rise with Him and live unto righteousness, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

O LORD God of Love, who dost reveal Thyself as the eternal Father in Thine eternal Son; we magnify Thy name for all Thy blessings, and in particular, for the teaching received from Thee in this house of learning; which do Thou so imprint on our hearts and minds, that we, daily advancing in the knowledge of Thy works and will in earth and heaven, may daily grow in wisdom and in grace, and in power to do Thy service. Help us, O King of righteousness, to hasten the coming of Thy righteous Kingdom; deliver us from all fear save the fear of evil-doing; and kindle us with zeal for Christ, the Captain of our salvation, whom we may so steadfastly follow during the day of health, that when the night cometh, our lives may be found to have been to Thy Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is to us both the Light and the Life, and the Truth and our Way to Thee, and who hast taught us to approach Thee, O Father of the spirits of all flesh, with these words of prayer:

Our Father, etc.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, etc. (*vide*, Collect, p. 16.)

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. *Amen.*

FOR NATIVE MISSIONS.

ALMIGHTY God, who by Thy Son, Jesus Christ, hast revealed Thy glory among the nations; grant unto all whom Thou hast sent to those who know Thee not, a ready heart to obey Thy will, and a mighty call to preach Thy Word; that they, being wholly devoted to Thy service, may show forth, by teaching and example, the saving grace of our Lord Jesus. Preserve them amid perils, guide them in perplexity, and prosper all that they do to serve the bodies and souls of men. Build up the native churches in the strength and beauty of holiness; confirm the faith of those who have been baptized, that they may continue steadfast, always walking in the light; even the light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day, when at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

FOR CHILDREN.

OUR Father in heaven, we love Thee because Thou hast first loved us. Thou art good and holy, and art kind to all that Thou hast made, old

and young. When we do wrong Thou art ready to forgive us and to help us to be good again. Make us Thy dear children, gentle in all we say and do, not easily angered; that we may grow more and more like Jesus, and please Thy loving eyes.

We thank Thee for all the good things we enjoy: our homes, our food, the tender care of our parents, the love of our brothers, sisters and friends, our work and our play, our Sunday worship and teaching; and for all things bright and beautiful, we thank Thee, O God.

We pray for others: for those who are dear to us and to whom we are dear, whose names we mention in our hearts before Thee: (*here let there be a moment of prayer in silence*) for those whom we know to be sick or in pain, for poor or homeless children, who may have lost their parents and are without friends. Make them to feel that Thou lovest them and carest for them; and help us to seek their happiness by thoughts of love and deeds of kindness, in the Name and spirit of Jesus, our Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

FOR THE USE OF THOSE AT SEA.

MOST gracious God, our heavenly Father, whose eye is ever upon us, whether in the crowded haunts of men or on the lonely sea, and who carest for all; teach us to live our life as seeing Thee who

art invisible, and in all our ways to acknowledge Thee. To Thy care and guidance we commit ourselves and all who serve Thee on board this ship. Grant that by Thy goodness we may in due season reach in safety our appointed haven ; and that when the voyage of life is ended we may come at last to Thy heavenly kingdom, which Thou hast prepared for all who love and seek to serve Thee here ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AN EVENING PRAYER AT SEA.

SEND Thy peace into our hearts, O Lord, at the evening hour, that we may be contented with Thy mercies of this day, and confident of Thy protection for this night ; and now, having forgiven others, even as Thou dost forgive us, may we have a pure comfort and a healthful rest within the shelter of this ship ; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

DEDICATION PRAYERS.

(At the Offering.)

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who in the abundance of Thy goodness dost exceed our deserts as well as our desires ; pour forth upon us, we beseech Thee, a spirit of thankfulness, and

increase in our hearts that most blessed grace of charity, which is more willing to give than to receive; and so rule our hearts that all we have may be used for Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast spared not Thine only Son, but delivered Him up for us all, and who with Him hast freely given us all things; help us, we beseech Thee, with all our gifts to yield ourselves unto Thee, that with body, soul, and spirit we may truly serve Thee, and in Thy service find our deepest joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOUNTAIN of all goodness, who enrichest a hundred-fold those who spend themselves in the service of Thy house; bless all who worship Thee from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same. Of Thy goodness give us, with Thy love inspire us, by Thy Spirit guide us, by Thy power protect us, in Thy mercy receive us and all our gifts, now and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given unto Thy servants diversities of gifts by the same Spirit, and hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; be pleased to bless and prosper all who love and serve Thy Church with a pure heart fervently; let their prayers and alms come up for a memorial before Thee; and reward them plentifully with peace; through the merits of Jesus Christ our only Saviour. *Amen.*

ALL gracious God, who of Thine infinite love didst give Thine only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification, and hast made us partakers of the Divine nature through the gift of the Holy Spirit; accept the offering which we now present before Thee; and grant that our bodies, souls, and spirits may be unto Thee a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

ETERNAL and ever-blessed God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works proceed; accept the offering which we now make unto Thee; and grant that our small gift may not be lost in the wide world, but that it may re-appear in the blessing of many lives to which it shall minister in Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LET the right hand that was lifted up over the five barley loaves, wherewith five thousand men were fully fed and baskets left, itself rest and remain on the humble offering of Thy servants, that it may be multiplied and abound, abide steadfast and never fail.

Glory be to Him who through His grace and His compassion supplieth all our needs, now and ever, and into the world to come. Peace be with all. *Amen.*

O GOD, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received; accept, we beseech Thee, this offering of Thy people. Remember in Thy love those who have brought it

and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with Thy blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among men, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

WE rejoice, O God, thus to link our daily work with our Sabbath worship. May we keep our hands honest at the toil from whose gain we bring a part to Thee. Let Thy love inspire us, let Thy Spirit guide us, that our offering may be more sincere and perfect every day; and so confirm our hearts, and strengthen them with the power of Thy grace, that we may be faithful to Thee, and sincere in love for one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSED be Thou, O Lord God, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and the earth is Thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as Head above all; both riches and honour come of Thee, and of Thine own do we now give unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things; create in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, fill us with all goodness, and help us, in Thy mercy, to do Thy will. Open our lips that we may praise Thee; our hands that we may serve Thee.

Accept these our offerings, and so consecrate them, that Thy Name may be glorified here and in all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the gracious Giver of all good; regard with Thy favour this our offering, which now we dedicate to the service of Thy House and the glory of Thy Kingdom: In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, our Father, who hast made the outgoings of the morning to rejoice over us and who art the health of our countenance; grant that we may be satisfied with the goodness of Thy House, even of Thy holy Temple. Look on us in mercy, as we bring our offering, in love and thankfulness, consecrating both it and ourselves to Thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Father of mercies; receive Thou the offering which we bring Thee at this time, as a part of the worship of Thy House. May these gifts be symbols of a consecration that knows no limit, that holds nothing back from Thee, who givest all: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who art the fountain of all goodness; we bring to Thee our gifts, according as Thou hast prospered us. Enable us to give Thee, with our earthly things, the love of our hearts and the service of our lives. May Thy favour, which is life, and Thy blessing, which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow, be upon us now and always: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GIVER of every good and perfect gift; we acknowledge Thy bounty in these gifts, which we now offer and dedicate unto Thee. We pray Thee to accept them and multiply them for the work of Thy Church and the spread of Thy Kingdom: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR USE AT A HARVEST FESTIVAL.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast blessed the labours of the husbandman, and given us the fruits of the earth in their season; grant us grace to use the same to Thy glory, to the relief of those that are needy, and to our own comfort; and graciously deign to receive, for the service of Thy holy Church, these our gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast taught us that there is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet but it tendeth to poverty; grant us Thy grace, we beseech Thee, that we may give liberally unto Thee out of all those things wherein Thou hast prospered us; and so bless us in our giving, that it may be a means of grace and of enlargement; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY Father, whose care is over all Thy works, and from whose open hand all our wants are supplied; accept of Thine infinite goodness the offerings of Thy people, which, in honour of Thy Name, and with a free will and ready heart, they yield and dedicate unto Thee; and grant unto us Thy blessing, that the same being devoted to Thy service may be used for Thy glory, here and in all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ASCRIPTIONS OF PRAISE.

NOW unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

NOW unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

UNTO Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

BENEDICTIONS.

THE Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. *Amen.*

NOW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

APPENDIX.

LIST OF AUTHORS AND WORKS USED.

Ancient Scottish Prayers. (The Iona Books.)
Anthology of Prayers. (United Free Church of Scotland.)
Bishop Andrewes' Private Devotions.
The Book of Common Order. (Knox's Liturgy.)
The Book of Common Prayer, amended by the Presbyterian Divines, Savoy Conference, 1661.
A Book of Common Prayer, A. H. Fairly. Aberdeen: W. Jolly & Sons, 1898. (By kind permission of the Rev. D. G. Barron and the Rev. Hugh Cameron.)

(A prayer from this book is used in the Burial Service for Children; also the Thanksgiving in the third Service for Laymen.)

The Book of Common Worship, prepared by the General Assembly's Committee of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Philadelphia, 1908.

(This book has been largely used, especially in the Order for Adult Baptism, the Laying of a Foundation Stone, and the Dedication of a Church. The Confession of Sins and the Prayer for Pardon have been used in the Communion Service.)

The Book of Order. (Presbyterian Church of South Africa.)
A Book of Prayer, R. C. Jones. London: Williams & Norgate.
The Book of Private Prayer. Longmans, Green & Co.
The Broad Highway, by Jeffery Farnol.

(To this book the compiler is indebted for the latter part of the Address in the Marriage Service.)

By Still Waters, by the Rev. L. Maclean Watt, D.D.
(A prayer from this booklet is used in the Burial Service.)

A Chain of Prayer across the Ages, by Dr. Selina F. Fox. London: John Murray.

Devotional Services for Public Worship, by the Rev. John Hunter, D.D.
(Prayers from this book are used in the Order for the Ordination and Induction of Ministers, and for Baptism; also for the dedication of the Offering, and for Special Seasons: pp. 142, 144, 146.)

A New Directory for Public Worship, issued by the Worship Association of the Free Church of Scotland, 1898.

Directory of Worship. (Presbyterian Church of England.) (The Compiler is indebted for the first part of the Order for Admission to Full Communion to the new draft prepared by the Church Service Committee of the Presbyterian Church of England.)

Directory and Forms for Public Worship, issued by the Church Worship Association of the United Free Church of Scotland, 1909.

The Order of Divine Service for Public Worship, by Dr. W. E. Orchard. Oxford University Press, 1919.

The Divine Service, by the Rev. H. J. Wotherspoon, D.D. Glasgow: James MacLehose & Sons.

Euchologion. (Church Service Society.) Edinburgh: W. Blackwood & Sons.

General Assembly Prayers, by the Right Rev. James Cooper, D.D., D.C.L. Glasgow: James MacLehose & Sons.

Great Souls at Prayer, M. W. Tiletson. London: H. R. Allenson, Ltd.

Kyrie Eleison, by the Rev. H. J. Wotherspoon, D.D. Edinburgh: W. Blackwood & Sons.

Liturgy and Offices of the Church. (Catholic Apostolic.)

Liturgy of the Dutch Reformed Church.

Morning and Evening Prayers, W Cowan. Paisley: J. & R. Parlane.

Pastor in Parochia, by Bishop Walsham How.

Prayers for Church and Home. London : British and Foreign Unitarian Association.

School Prayers; St. Olave's School, London. Prayers from this book will be found in the section for Schools and Colleges, Afternoon and Evening Prayers.

Prayers, by the Rev. J. Fort Newton, D.Litt., which appeared in the Christian Commonwealth.

(The Compiler is indebted to this source for the prayers on pages 19, 26, 143 and 151.)

A Prayer, by the Rev. A. Fleming, D.D., part of which has been used in the Order for the Confirmation of Baptismal Vows.

Premiere Liturgie des Églises Réformées de France (1533). Strasbourg, 1859.

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Second Prayer Book of Edward VI. (Church Service Society.)

A Pulpit Manual, prepared by the Rev. James Burns, M.A. London : James Clarke & Co., 1914.

Sursum Corda. London : A. R. Mowbray & Co.

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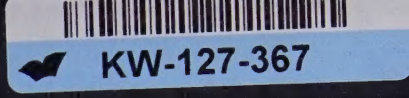
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